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HEY!  
WHOSE COMIC IS  
THIS ANYWAY?

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PRINCESS

Sally

in

ASCENSION

ALL MY LIFE  
I NEVER  
HAD A CHOICE.

I WAS BORN HEIR  
TO THE THRONE  
OF ACORN AND  
TAUGHT TO BE A  
QUEEN  
FROM DAY ONE.

HAVING RECENTLY DISCOVERED  
I HAVE A BROTHER, I FOUND  
I WAS NO LONGER CHARGED  
WITH CONTINUING THE LINE  
OF SUCCESSION.

HOWEVER, ELIAS FELT OTHERWISE  
AND OFFERED UP THAT WHICH BY ALL  
RIGHTS WAS HIS.

HAVING BEEN GIVEN A  
CHOICE FOR THE FIRST  
TIME IN MY LIFE, I KNEW  
I HAD TO DECIDE—

-- WHAT REALLY  
MATTERED TO  
ME.

NOTE: THIS STORY TAKES  
PLACE BEFORE THE EVENTS  
IN SONIC RING—EDITOR.





AFTER A MOMENT'S  
HESITATION,  
I STEPPED INTO  
THE POOL--



--DESCENDING  
DEEPER--



--BECOMING  
ONE--

--WITH THE  
SOURCE OF  
ALL!



IF THIS IS WHAT  
YOU TRULY WISH  
FOR, SALLY--

--THEN  
YOU HAVE MY  
UNCONDITIONAL  
SUPPORT--

--NO MATTER WHAT  
FATHER MAY SAY!



IT WAS MORE  
BEAUTIFUL THAN  
I COULD EVER  
HAVE IMAGINED!

I COULD FEEL  
MYSELF DRAWN  
TO THE  
LIGHT--

--TO MY MOTHER?!



MY DARLING DAUGHTER--

--I PRAY  
YOU GROW UP IN  
A WORLD THAT  
NEVER KNOWS  
ANOTHER  
WAR!



OH,  
MOTHER, HOW  
I WISH  
THAT WERE  
TRUE!

I GUESS I  
WASN'T THE ONLY  
ONE WHO DIDN'T  
REALIZE THEIR  
DREAMS!



BUT NOW THE  
IMAGES FADE INTO  
ANOTHER!

ANOTHER MEMORY  
BECOMES REALITY  
BEFORE ME--

--AS I WALK THROUGH MY  
FAVORITE GARDEN ALONG-  
SIDE MY TEACHER!

DO YOU EVER  
THINK THE WAR WILL  
END, JULAYLA?



THAT ALL DEPENDS  
ON WHETHER THE KING  
CAN REASON WITH THE  
OVERLANDERS!



BUT WHY  
WOULD ANY LIVING  
CREATURE WISH TO  
HARM ANOTHER?



"--THE OVERLANDER BUSH  
FEMURS WILL DEVOUR US!"

AND YOU  
WERE RIGHT,  
JULAYLA--

--MORRIS  
CAN GET  
LISLY AT  
TIMES!

BUT IS  
THIS WHAT  
THE SOURCE  
OF ALL IS  
ABOUT?

RELEARNING  
LESSONS OF LONG  
AGO?



NO,  
CHILD.

IT IS MORE.  
MUCH MORE.



MORE THAN EVERYONE I  
KNOW AND LOVE?



EVEN MORE THAN THAT, MY  
DARLING DAUGHTER!

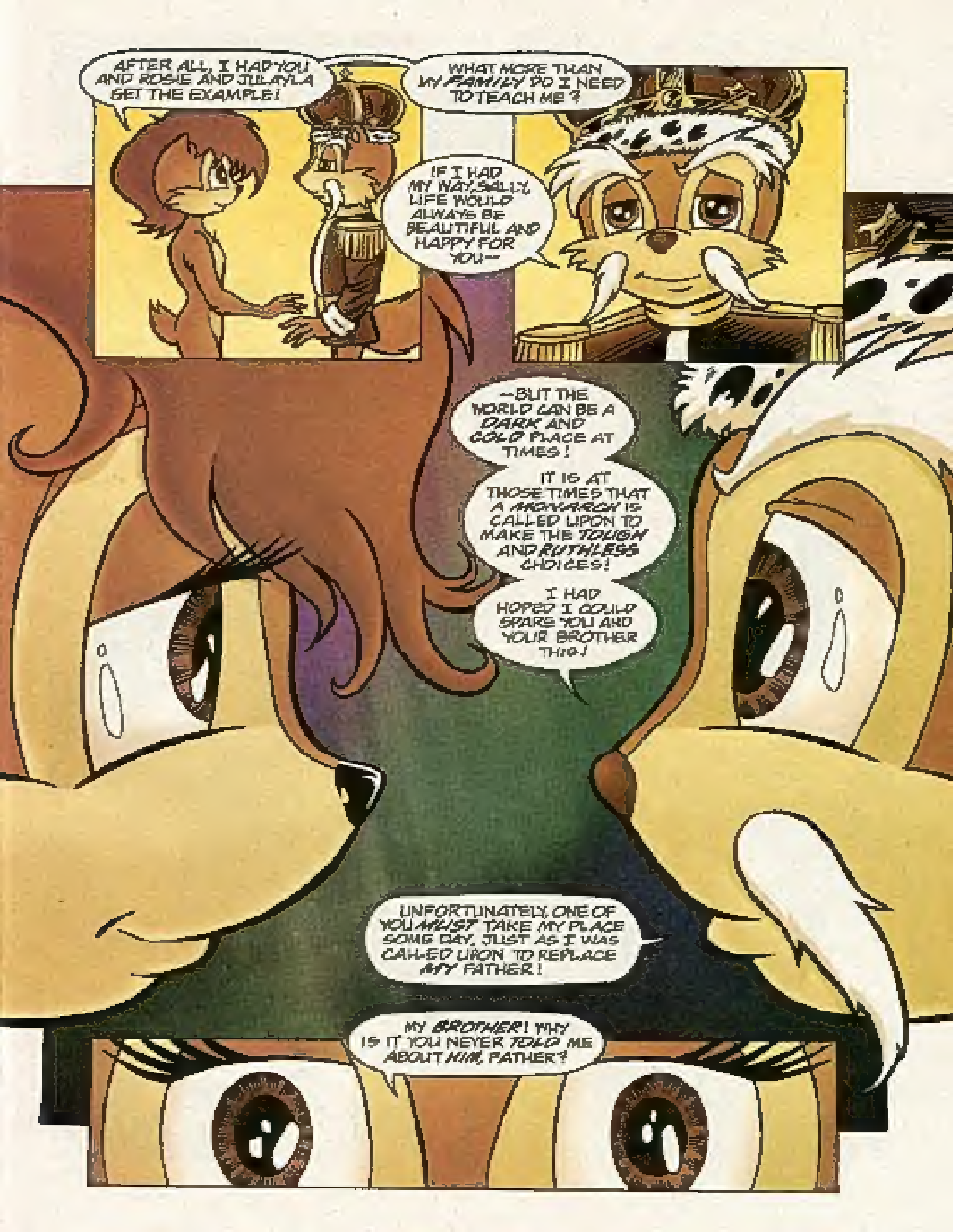
YOU ARE EXPERIENCING  
THE SUM TOTAL OF ALL THAT  
CAME BEFORE YOU--



--EVEN THAT BEFORE  
YOU WERE BORN!

BUT ISN'T THE *ACTUAL*  
EXPERIENCE ENOUGH TO PREPARE  
ONE FOR WHAT LIES AHEAD?





AFTER ALL, I HAD YOU  
AND ROSIE AND JULIETTA  
SET THE EXAMPLE!

WHAT MORE THAN  
MY FAMILY DO I NEED  
TO TEACH ME?

IF I HAD  
MY WAY, SALLY,  
LIFE WOULD  
ALWAYS BE  
BEAUTIFUL AND  
HAPPY FOR  
YOU—

—BUT THE  
WORLD CAN BE A  
DARK AND  
COLD PLACE AT  
TIMES!

IT IS AT  
THOSE TIMES THAT  
A KINGARCH IS  
CALLED UPON TO  
MAKE THE TOUGH  
AND RUTHLESS  
CHOICES!

I HAD  
HOPED I COULD  
SPARE YOU AND  
YOUR BROTHER  
THIS!

UNFORTUNATELY, ONE OF  
YOU ~~MUST~~ TAKE MY PLACE  
SOME DAY, JUST AS I WAS  
CALLED UPON TO REPLACE  
MY FATHER!

MY BROTHER! WHY  
IS IT YOU NEVER TOLD ME  
ABOUT HIM, FATHER?

BECAUSE HE COULDN'T, SALLY!

HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT BECAME OF MOTHER AND I--

--SOME BELIEVED ANYTHING HE SAID WOULD ONLY HURT YOU!

SINCE YOU WERE THE ONLY FAMILY HE HAD LEFT--

--PROTECTING YOU FROM EVERYTHING WAS ALWAYS HIS FIRST PRIORITY!

WHETHER OR NOT WE AGREE WITH OUR FATHER'S DECISIONS--

--HIS LOVE FOR US IS UNQUESTIONABLE!

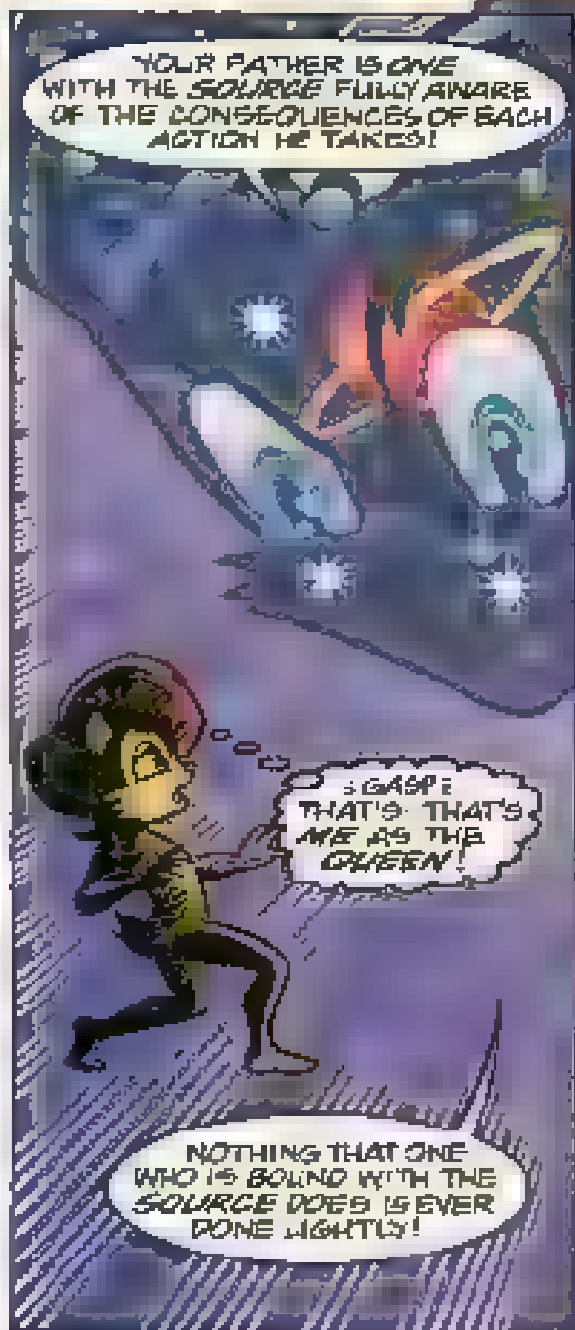
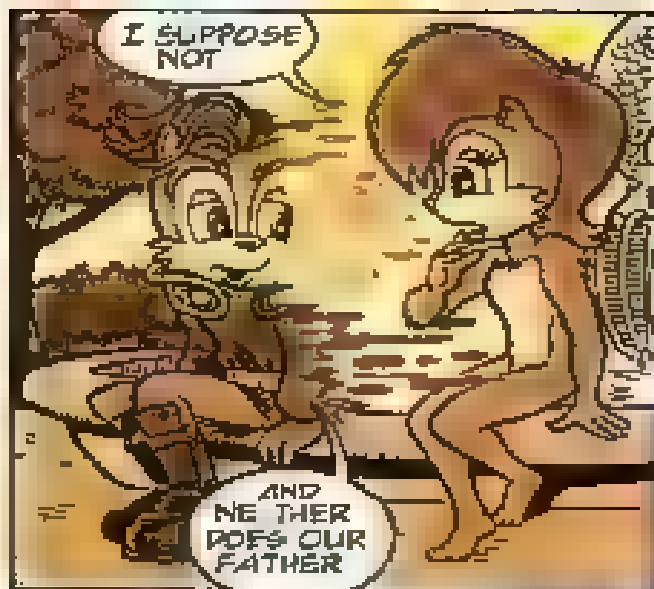
KNOWING WHAT YOU KNOW, IF YOU WERE IN FATHER'S SHOES AND LOST YOUR WIFE AND SON, WOULD YOU DO THE SAME AS HE DID?

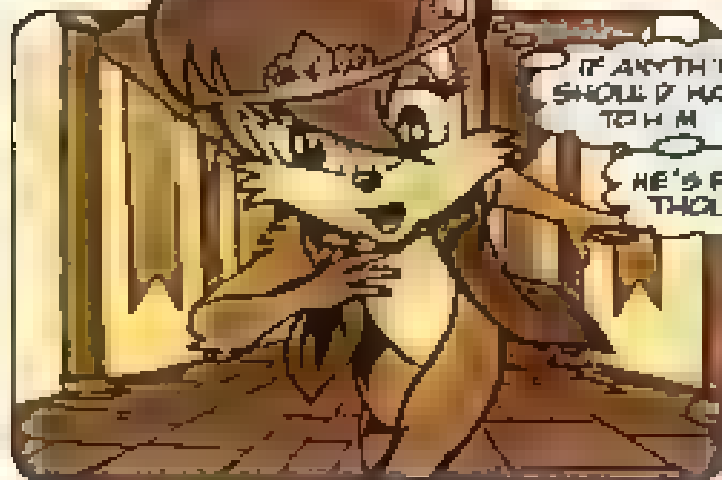
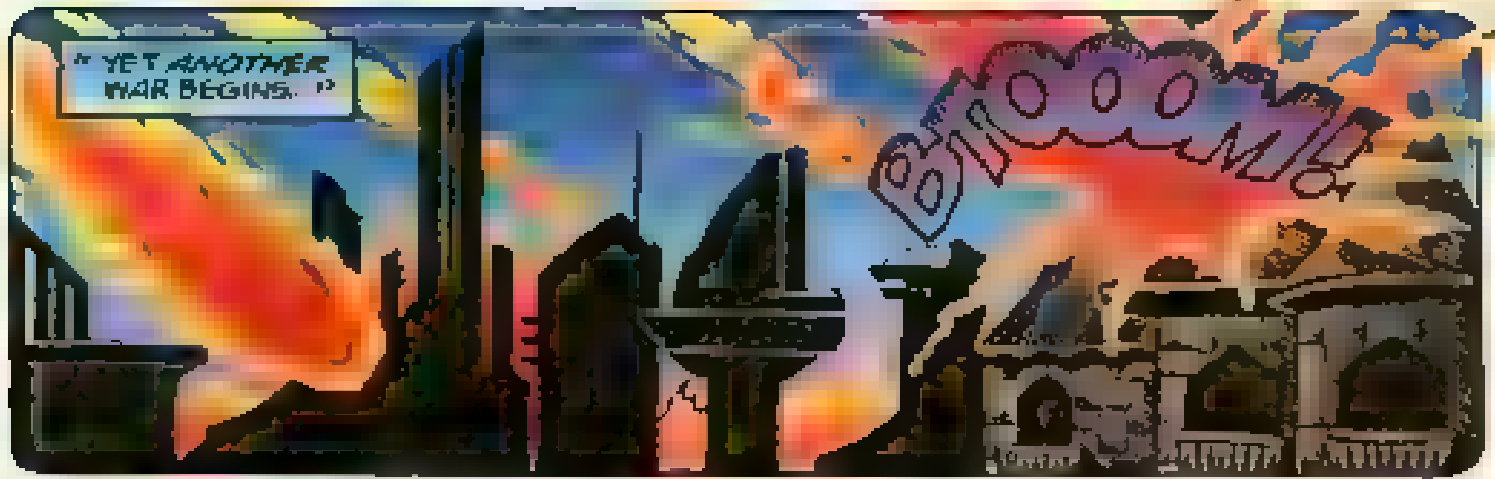
LIFE IS NOT A MATH EQUATION, SALLY!

GIVE SEVEN INDIVIDUALS THE SAME SITUATION AND YOU'LL GET SEVEN DIFFERENT RESPONSES!

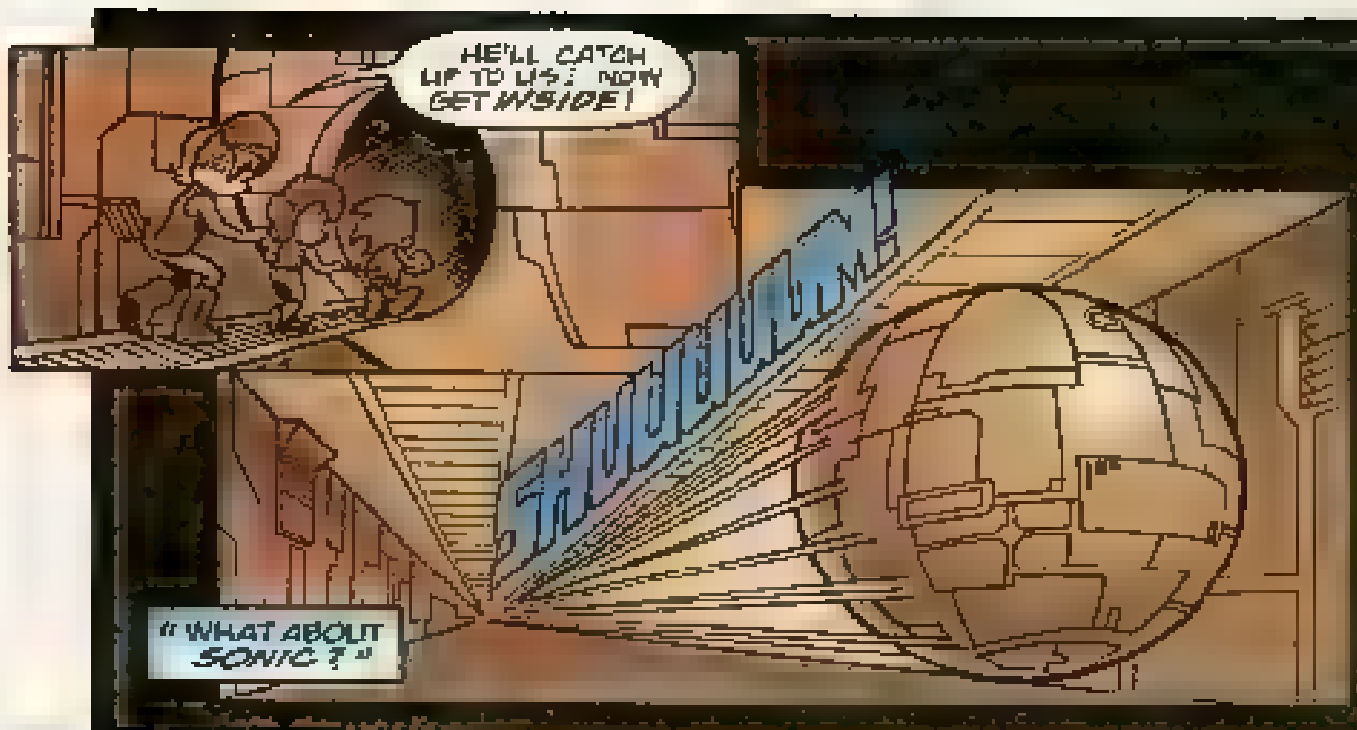
THE BEST ONES, THOUGH, COME FROM THE HEART!

WHEN YOU HAVE TO MAKE A DIFFICULT DECISION, DOES THAT MEAN YOU CARE ANY LESS?



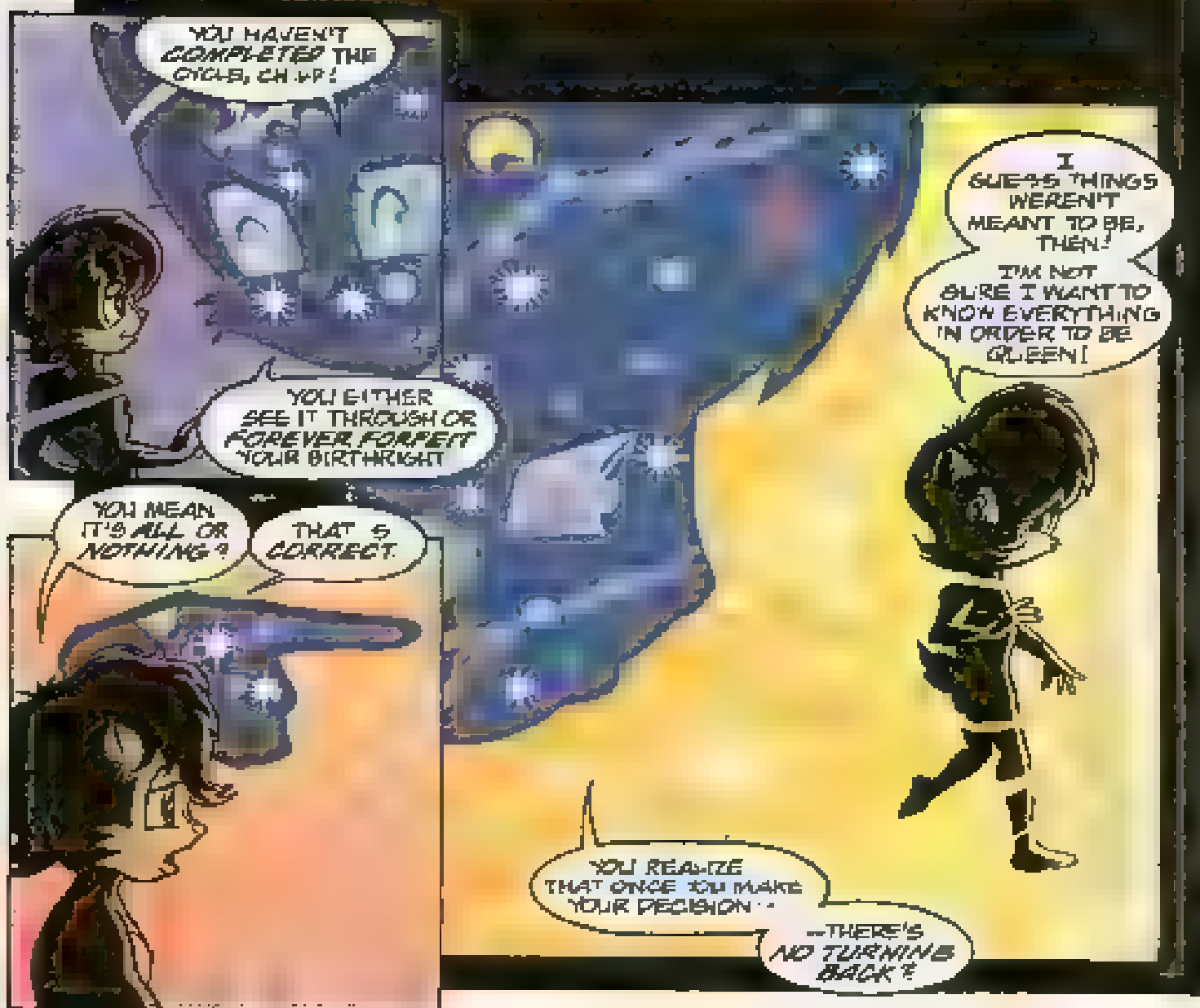






HE'LL CATCH UP TO US! NOW GET INSIDE!

"WHAT ABOUT SONIC?"



YOU HAVEN'T COMPLETED THE CYCLE, CH UP!

YOU EITHER SEE IT THROUGH OR FOREVER FORGET YOUR BIRTHRIGHT

YOU MEAN IT'S ALL OR NOTHING?

THAT'S CORRECT.

I GUESS THINGS WEREN'T MEANT TO BE, THEN?

I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING IN ORDER TO BE QUEEN!

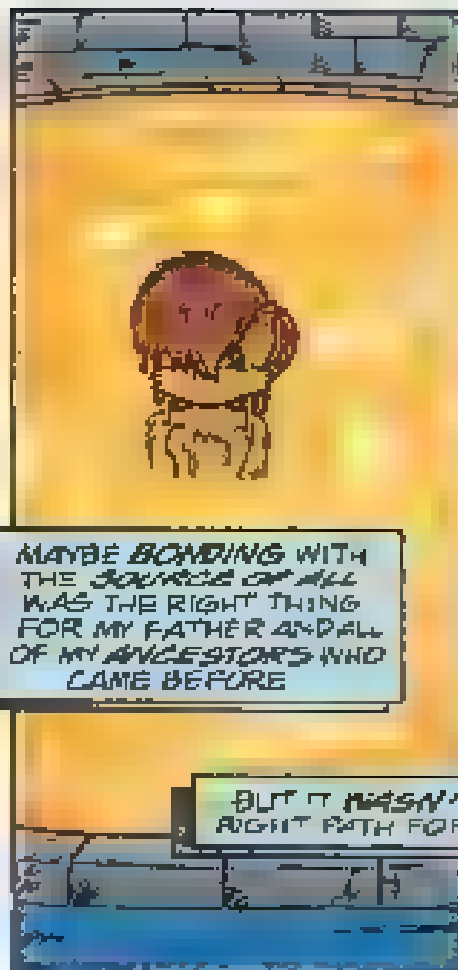
YOU REALIZE THAT ONCE YOU MAKE YOUR DECISION...

...THERE'S NO TURNING BACK?



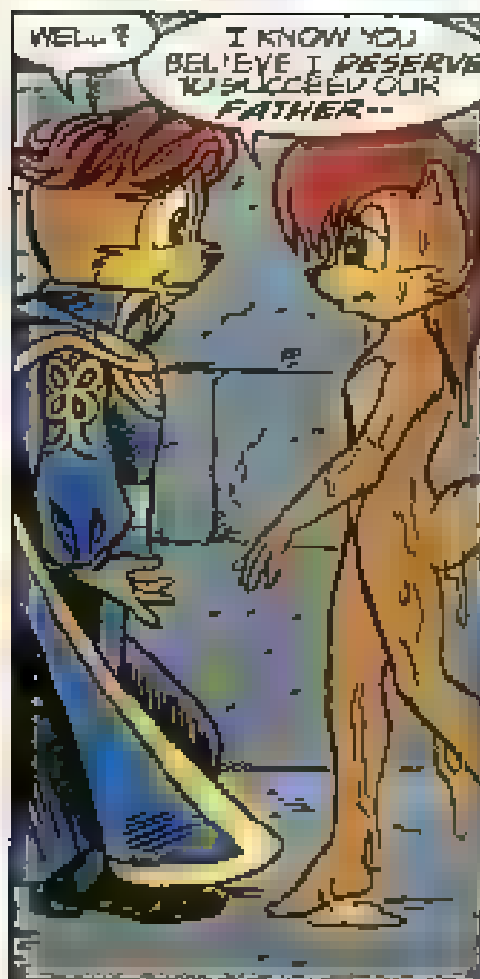
SALLY?

ARE  
YOU ALL  
RIGHT?



MAYBE BONDING WITH  
THE SOURCE OF ALL  
WAS THE RIGHT THING  
FOR MY FATHER AND ALL  
OF MY ANCESTORS WHO  
CAME BEFORE

BUT IT WASN'T THE  
RIGHT PATH FOR ME!



WELL?

I KNOW YOU  
BELIEVE I DESERVE  
TO SUCCEED OUR  
FATHER--

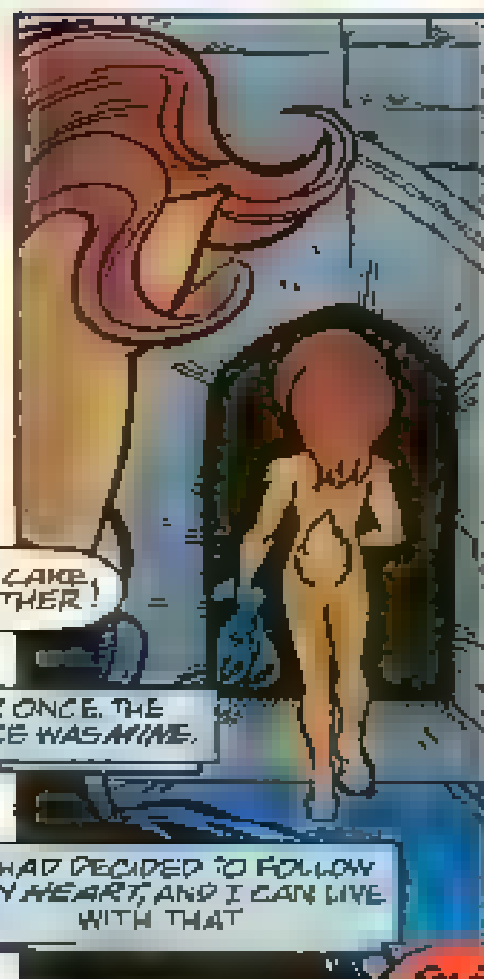


- BUT I CAN'T  
FOLLOW THE PATH THAT  
OTHERS HAVE. I HAVE TO  
FIND MY OWN WAY!

TAKE CARE  
MY BROTHER!

FOR ONCE, THE  
CHOICE WAS MINE.

I HAD DECIDED TO FOLLOW  
MY HEART, AND I CAN LIVE  
WITH THAT



End



IT'S STILL  
NOT TOO LATE.  
HERSH!

YOU CAN TAKE  
POINT WHILE GO  
CRAWLING AROUND  
THE GARAGE'S  
DEN INSTEAD!

CAN DO THIS  
COMMANDER!

GETTING THROUGH  
THE GUSTWORK WILL  
BE A LOT SMOOTHER  
FOR ME THAN YOU!

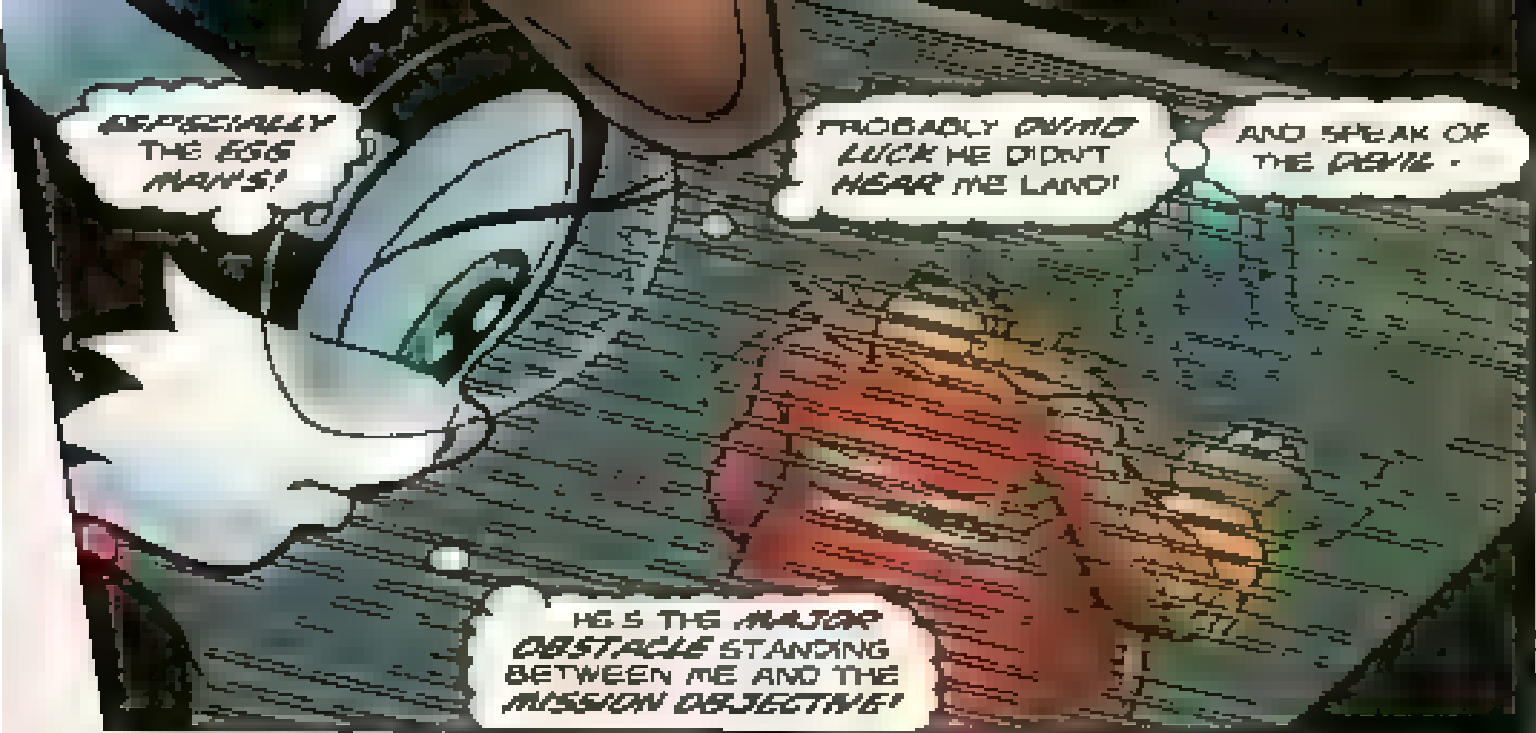
BESIDES, YOU  
WON'T BE ABLE TO  
SUPERVISE US ON  
EVERY MISSION!

SOONER OR LATER, YOU'RE  
GOING TO HAVE TO ORDER US  
TO GO.

HERSHEY SOLO





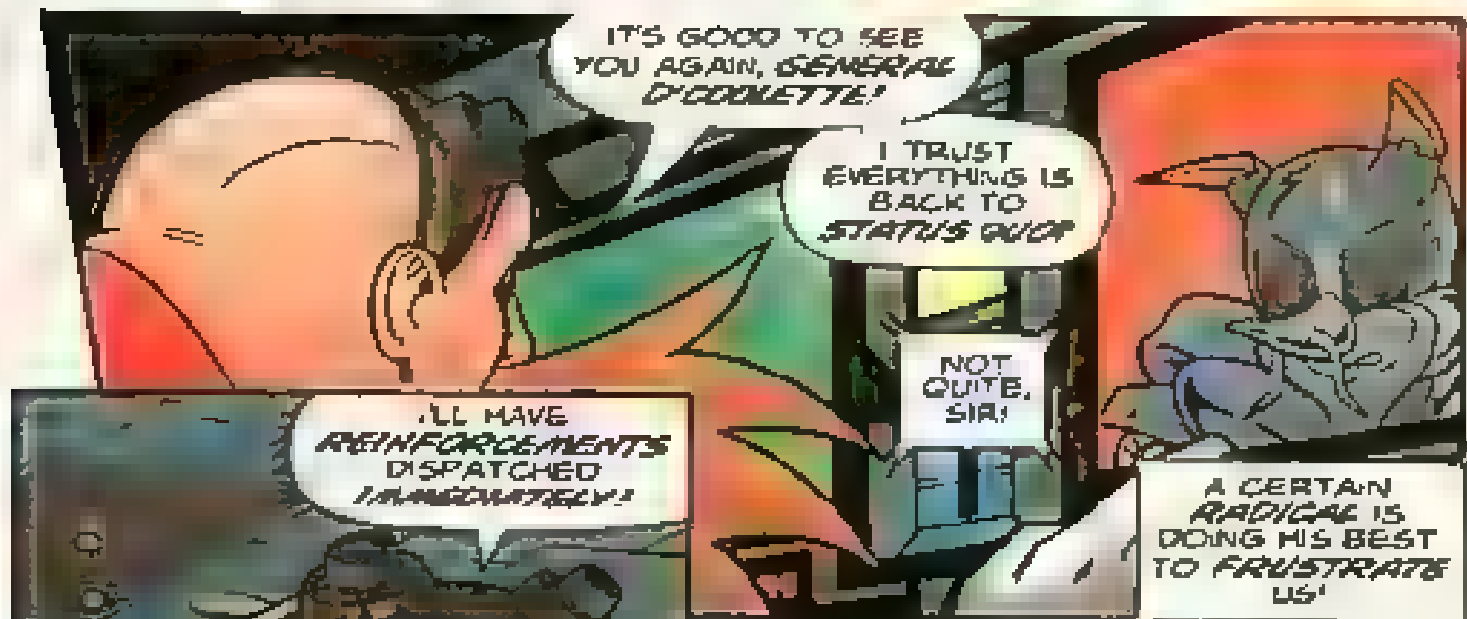


ESPECIALLY  
THE BIG  
MANS!

PROBABLY DUE TO  
LUCK HE DIDN'T  
HEAR THE LAND!

AND SPEAK OF  
THE DEVIL -

HE'S THE MAJOR  
OBSTACLE STANDING  
BETWEEN ME AND THE  
MISSION OBJECTIVE!



IT'S GOOD TO SEE  
YOU AGAIN, GENERAL  
D'COULETTE!

I TRUST  
EVERYTHING IS  
BACK TO  
STATUS QUO

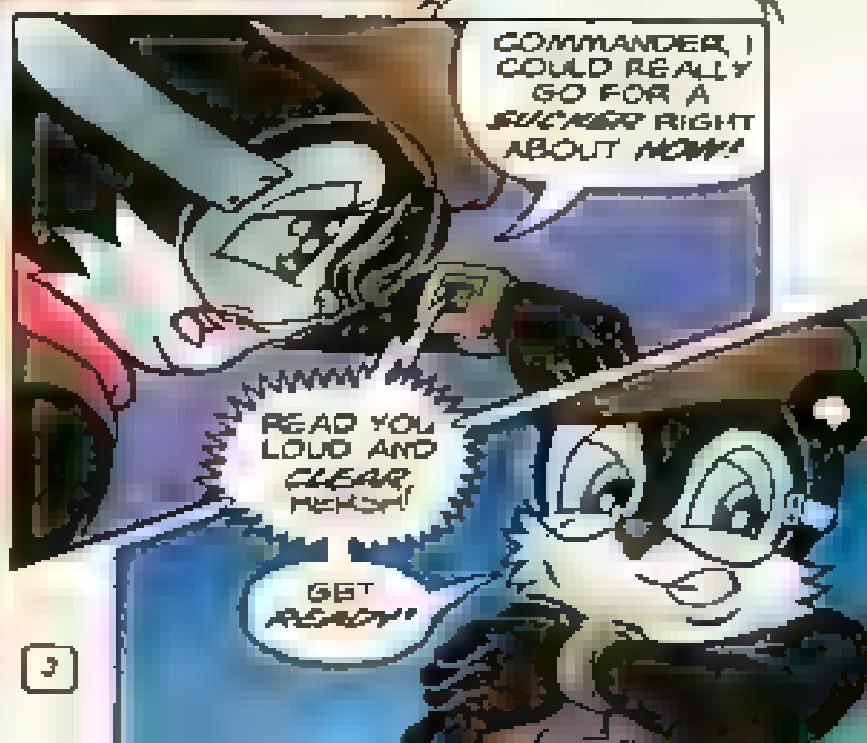
NOT  
QUITE,  
SIR!

A CERTAIN  
RADICAL IS  
DOING HIS BEST  
TO FRUSTRATE  
US!



I'LL HAVE  
REINFORCEMENTS  
DISPATCHED  
IMMEDIATELY!

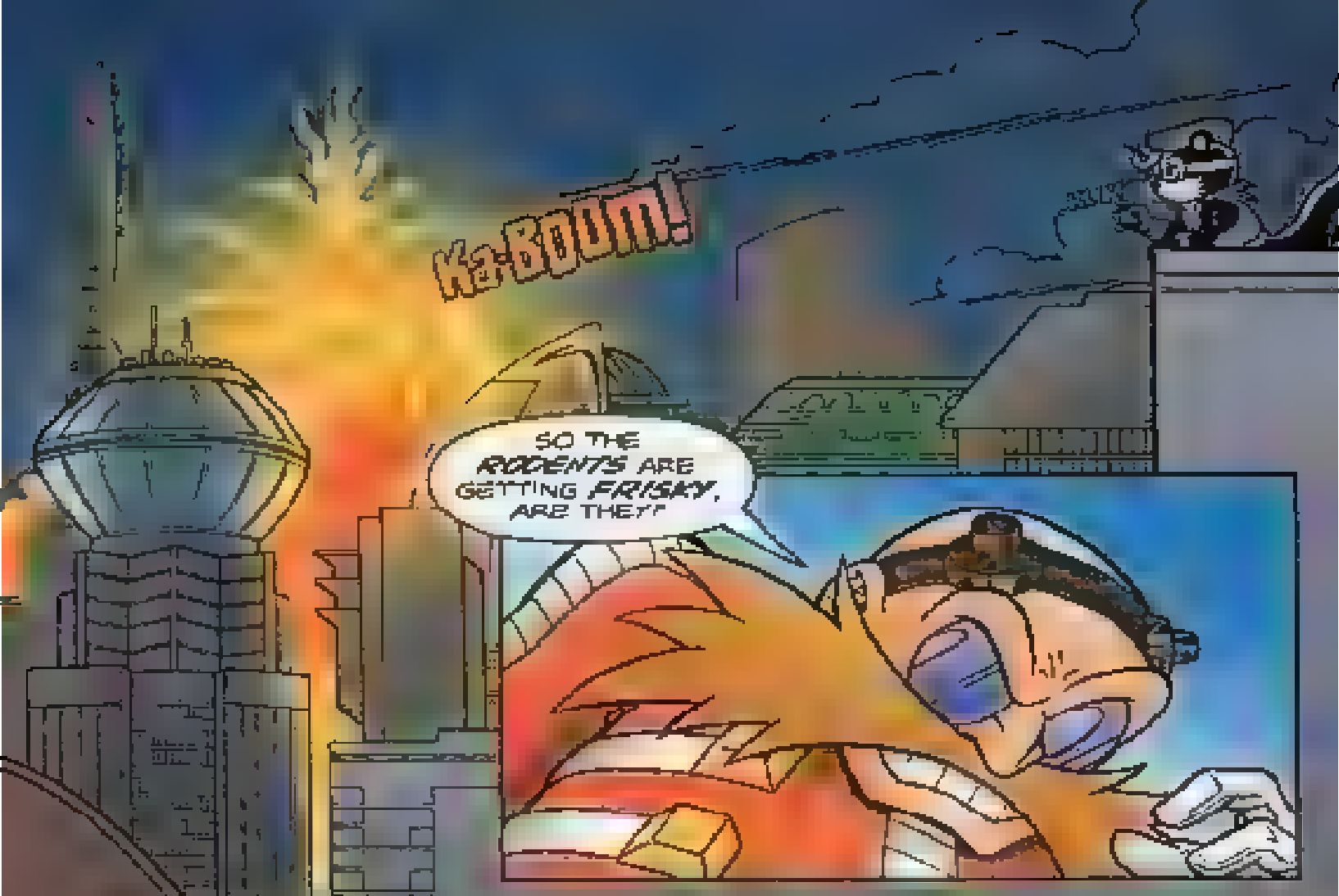
I NEED A  
DISTRACTION TO  
LURE HIM AWAY  
FROM THERE!



COMMANDER, I  
COULD REALLY  
GO FOR A  
SUCKER RIGHT  
ABOUT NOW!

READ YOU  
LOUD AND  
CLEAR  
MEMO!

GET  
READY!



SO THE  
RODENTS ARE  
GETTING FRISKY,  
ARE THEY?

Ka-BOOM!



DELTA TWO  
AND NINE!

ROGER!

WILCO!

THAT SURE  
DID THE TRICK  
NUT!

SO  
WHAT  
NOW?

WHAT IF THE  
THREAT WERE  
MORE  
LOCAL?

TAKE A  
SQUADRON OF  
SHADOWBOTS AND  
GO PUT OUT THE  
FIRE!

AND SHOULD  
YOU ENCOUNTER  
THAT WRETCHED  
HEDGEHOG  
SONIC ..

-- BRING  
HIM TO  
ME!

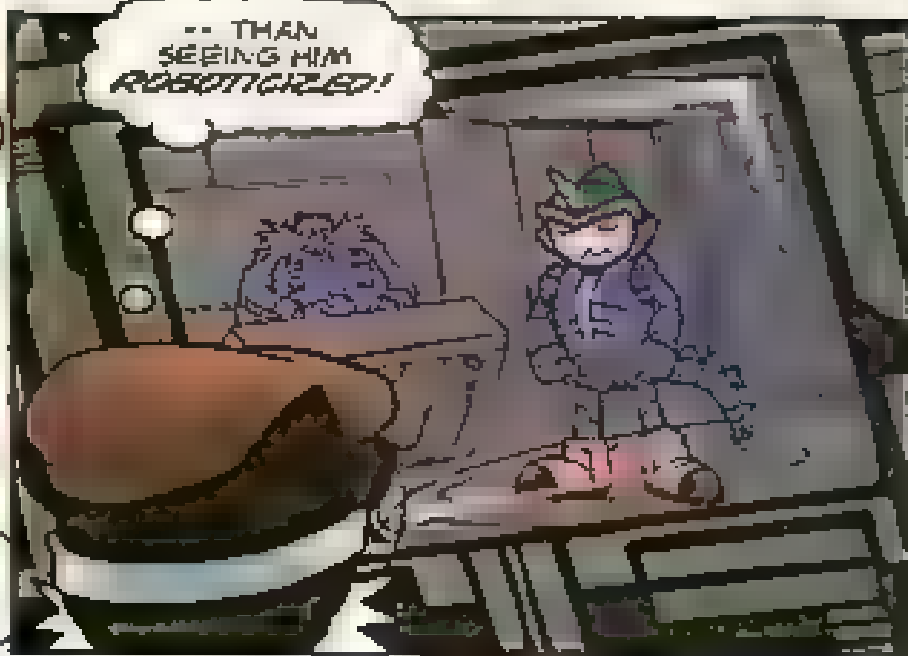
HYMM





OH, NO -- !

EVEN LEARNING VALDEZ  
HAD DIED WAS CERTAINLY  
MORE PREFERABLE --



-- THAN  
SEEING HIM  
ROBOTIZED!



ABOUT  
TIME *SHE*  
GOT OUT!



ANOTHER  
COUPLE OF  
MINUTES, AND  
I'D HAVE  
GONE IN!

WELL!

MISSION  
ACCOMPLISHED,  
COMMANDER!

WE DEFINITELY  
LOST VALDEZ --



BUT LEFT ROBOT-  
NIK A MESSAGE -- "

THAT WAS  
USELESS!

NO SIGN  
OF TROUBLE  
ANYWHERE!



".. THAT PAYBACK  
WOULD BE COMING --"

THAT'S GOOD!  
HEAR A  
SOUND -

BOOM!

-- NEXT TIME --



# LUPE <sup>AND THE</sup> WOLFPACK

# FAMILY

SOMEWHERE OUT IN THE WESTERN FLATS.

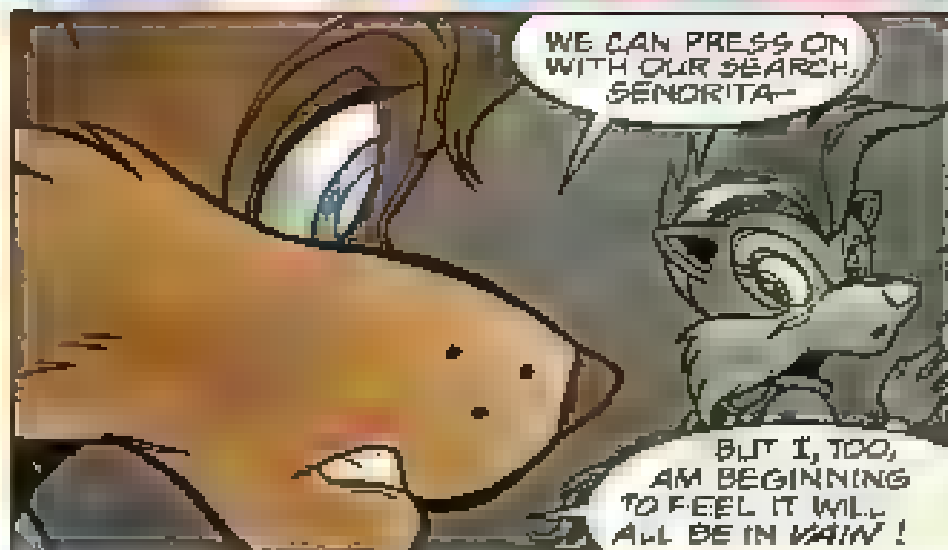
RETURNING HOME MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THE WISEST OF CHOICES, SENORITA.

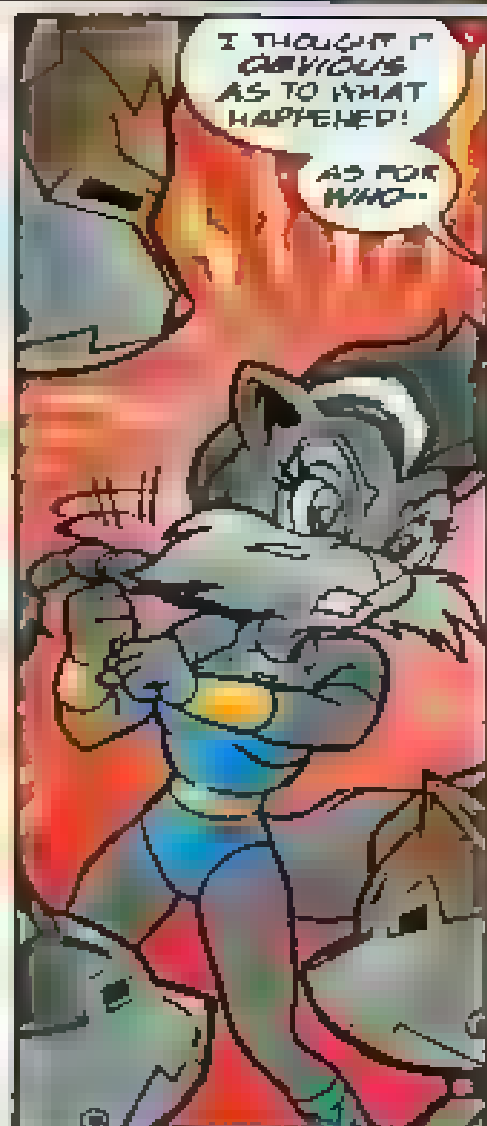
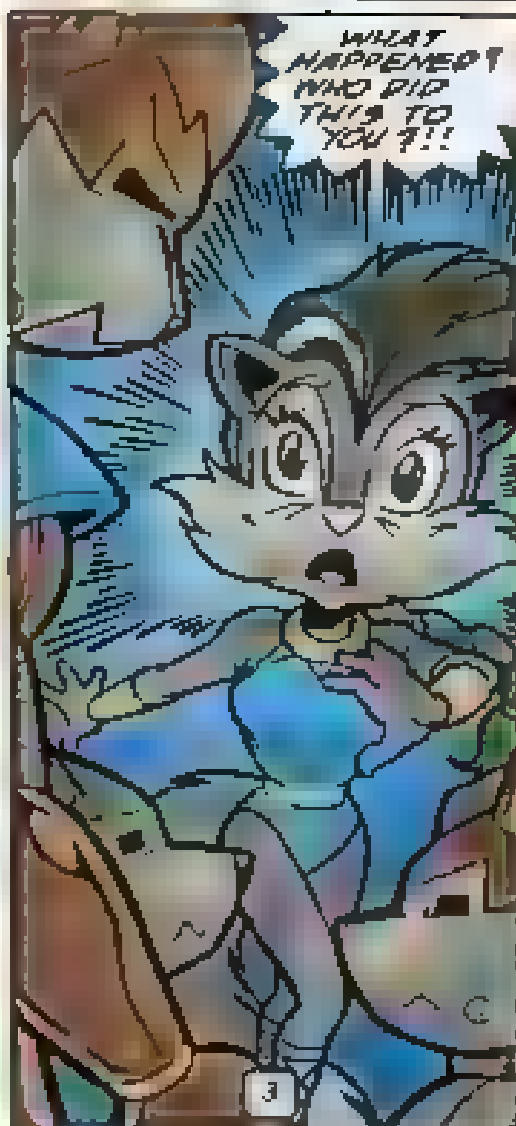
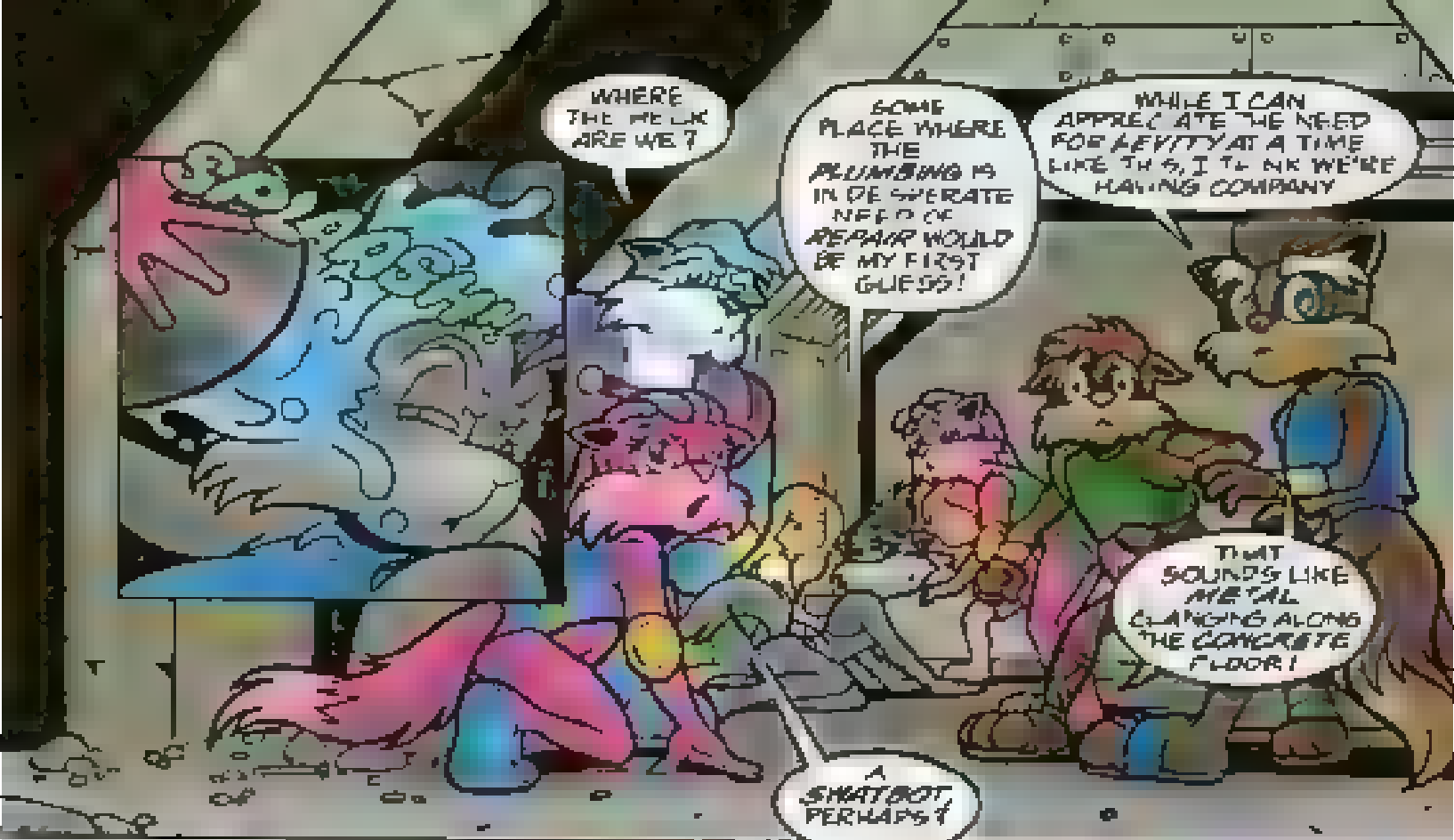
ALL THAT REMAIN ARE THE DEVASTATED RUINS OF OUR ONCE PROUD CITY FROM THE DESPICABLE ROBOTNIK.

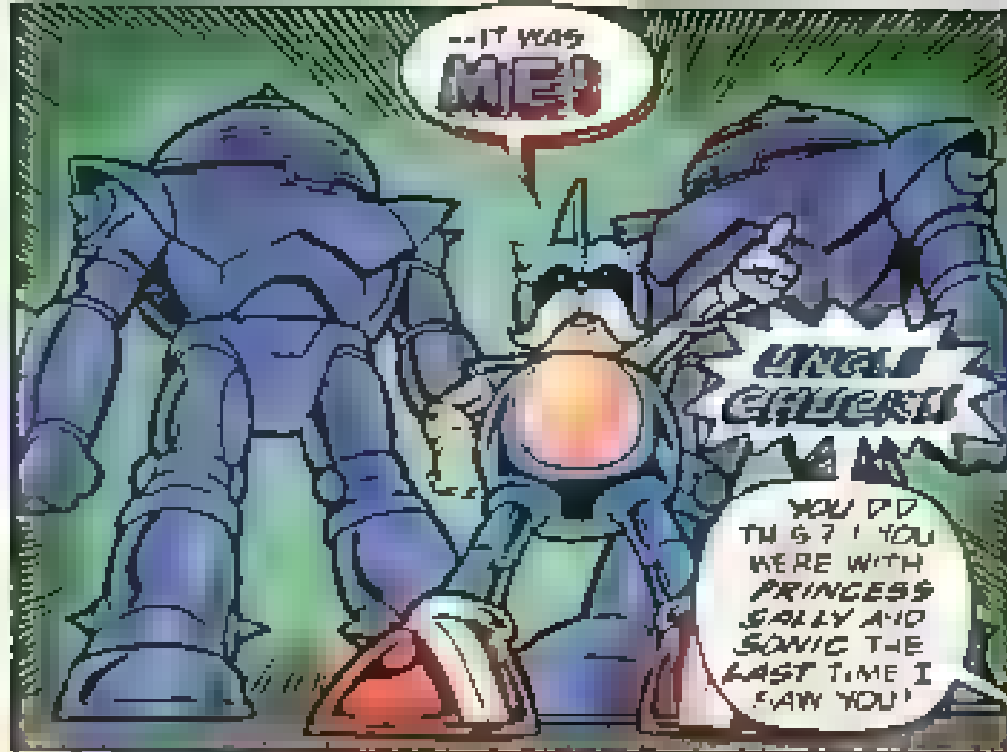
BE THAT AS IT MAY, REYNARD.

WHILE WE MAY NOT FIND OUR LOVED ONES HERE.

- THERE IS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING OUT WHERE THEY'VE GONE.







--IT WAS  
**ME!**

**UNCLE  
CHUCK!**

YOU'D  
THINK YOU  
WERE WITH  
PRINCESS  
SALLY AND  
SONIC THE  
LAST TIME I  
SAW YOU!



OH, COME NOW, WOMAN! YOU  
THINK A TRUSTED LIEUTENANT  
OF THE GREAT DOCTOR  
ROBOTHNIK WOULD BRING ATE  
WITH RABBLE ROUSERS  
SUCH AS THEY?

YOU'RE GOING TO  
RESTORE MY HUSBAND  
AND CHILDREN OR  
ELSE, YOU-!!!



EASY, SENORITA  
DON'T GIVE HIM THE  
SATISFACTION

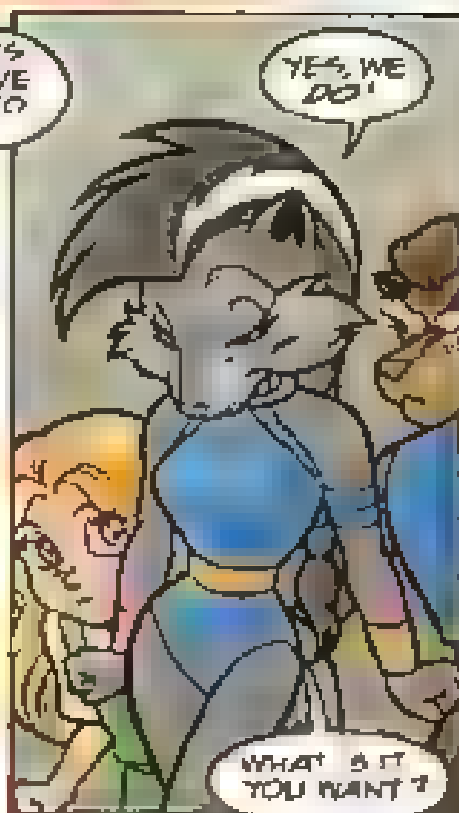
IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T BEEN  
PAYING ATTENTION, YOU'RE NOT  
THE ONE IN CONTROL HERE



I AM!

AND IF YOU AND YOUR COMPANIONS  
DON'T DO AS YOU'RE TOLD I'LL HAVE  
THESE TWO BEHIND ME TURNED INTO  
SO MUCH SCRAP METAL!

DO WE  
UNDERSTAND  
EACH  
OTHER?



YES, WE  
DO!

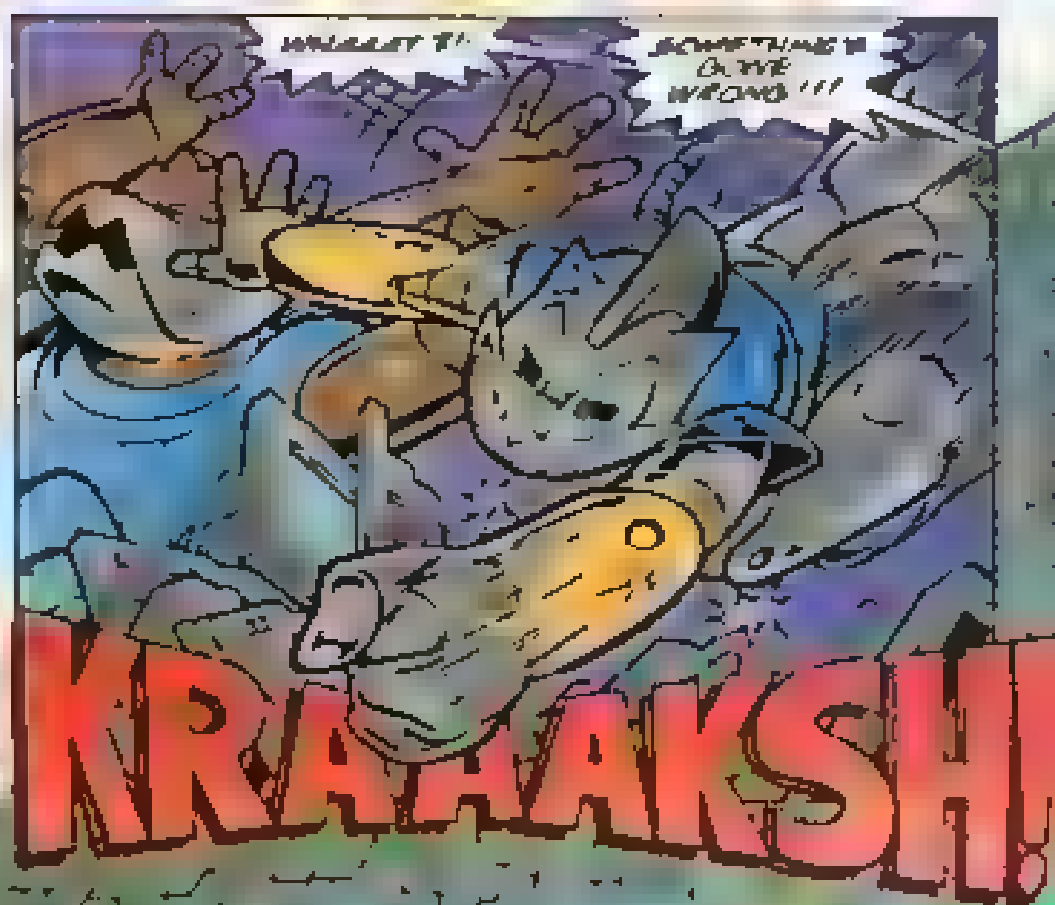
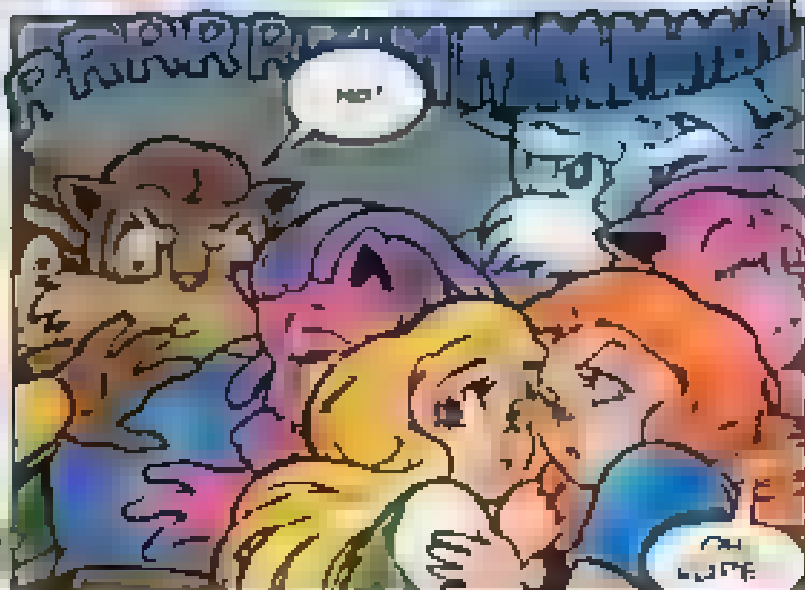
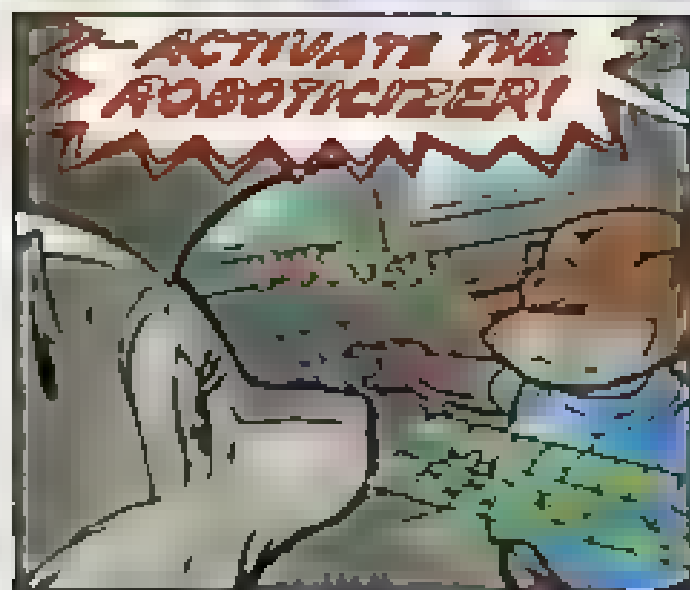
WHAT IS IT  
YOU WANT?

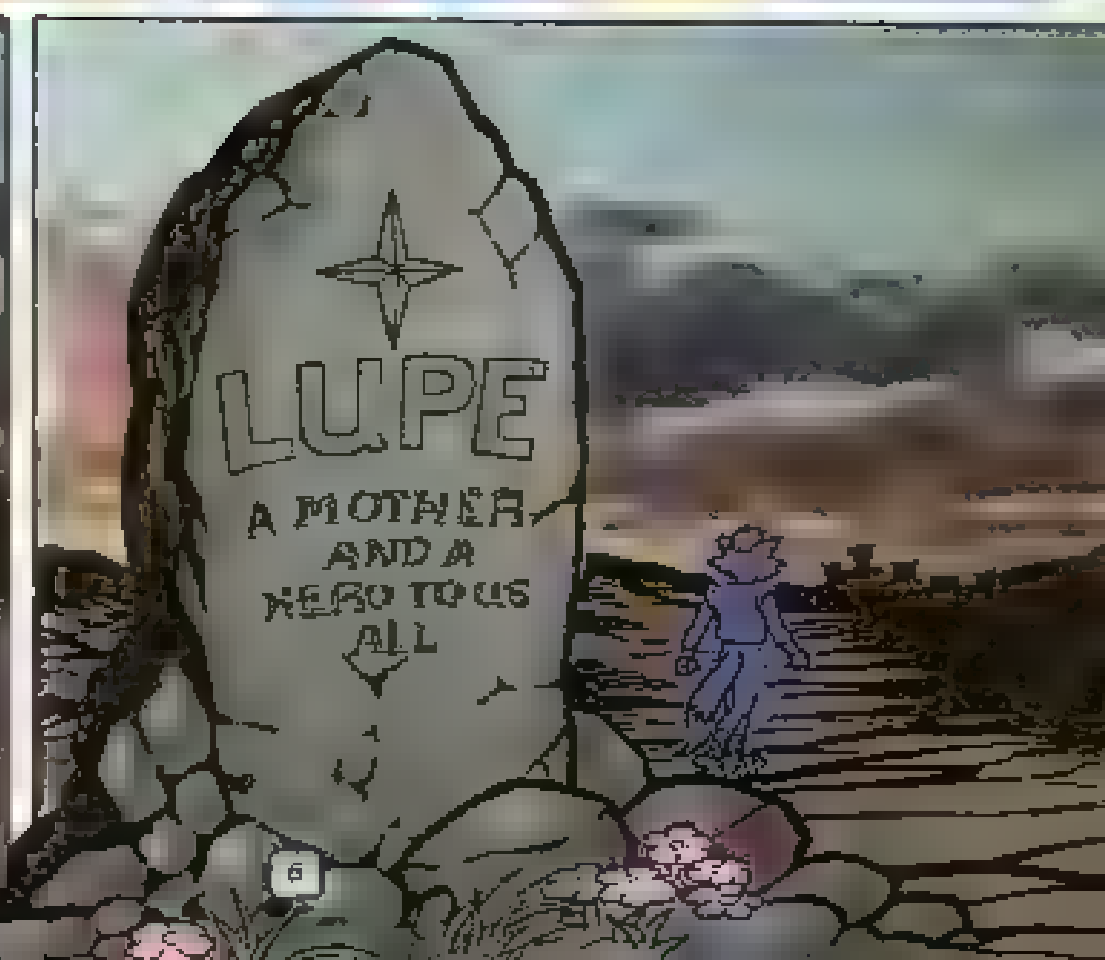
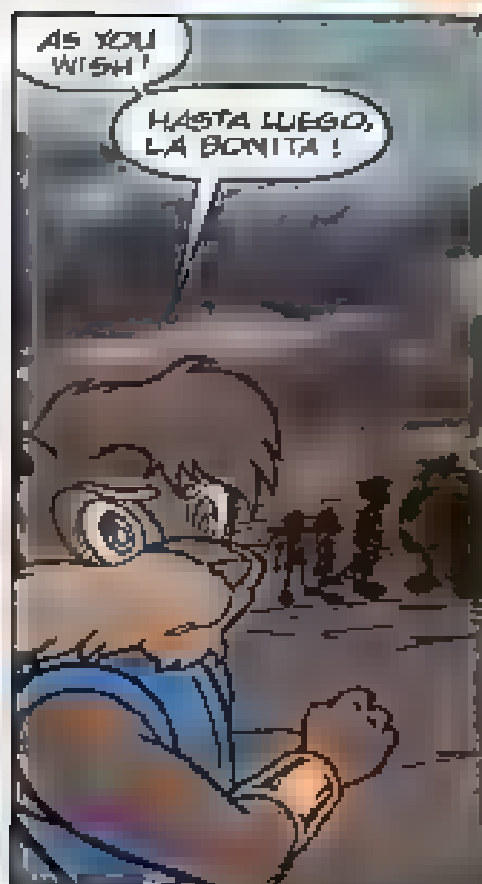
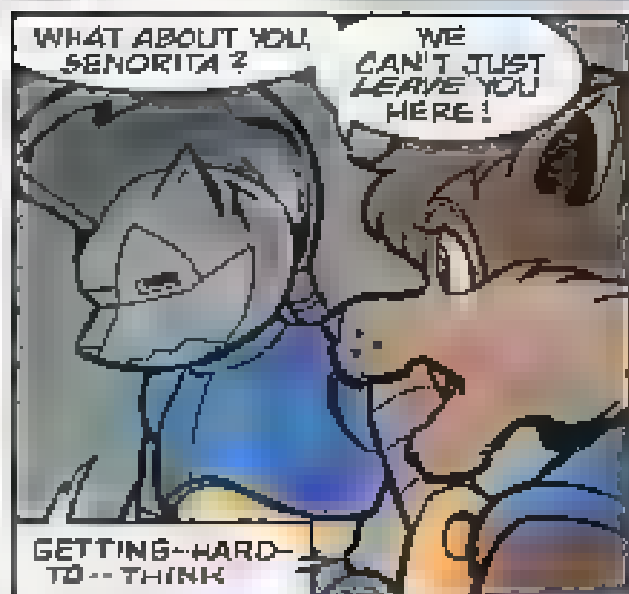
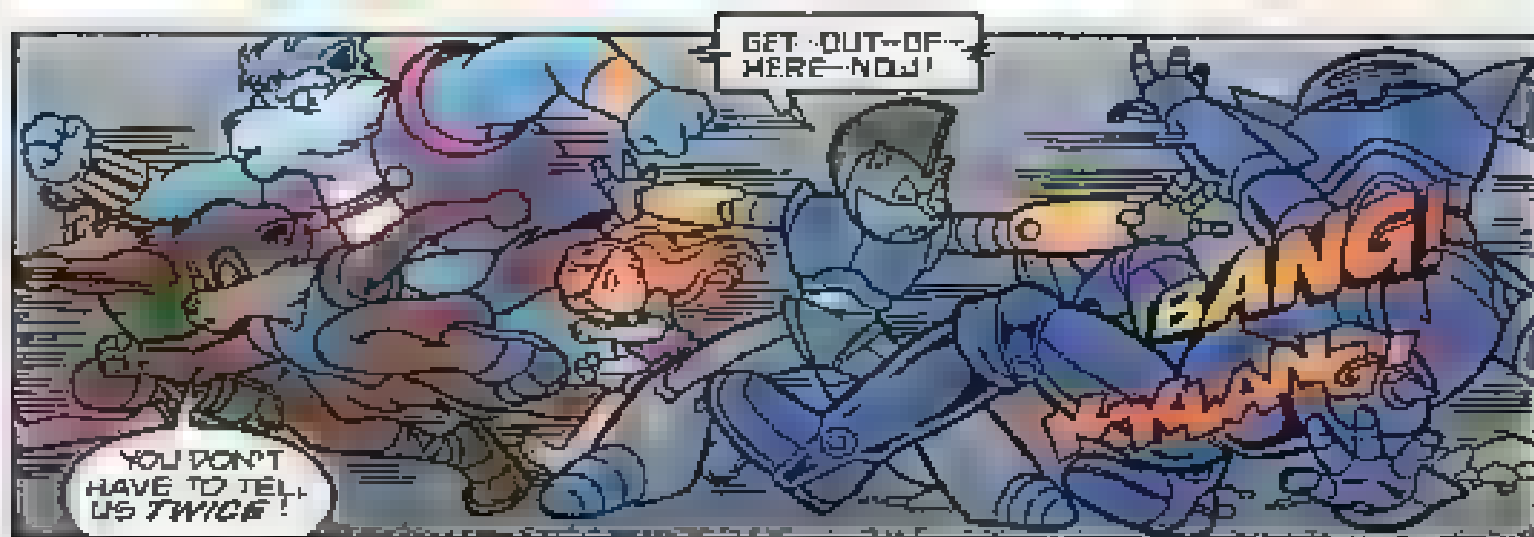


THAT'S MUCH  
BETTER!

IF  
YOU'LL JUST  
STEP  
RIGHT THIS  
WAY...

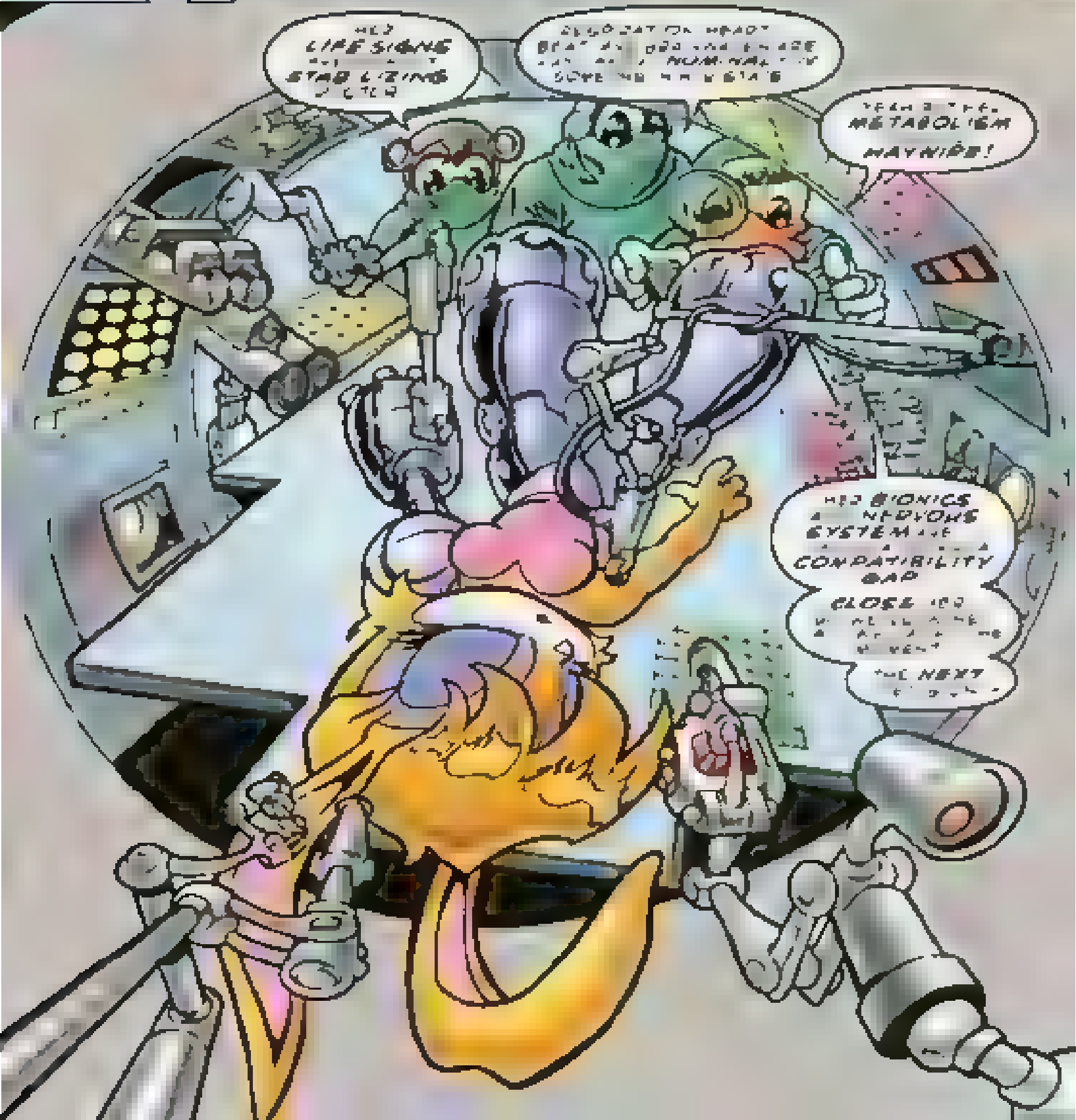






# Wuolc Rabbitbot

## UPGRADE



HIS  
LIFE SIGNS  
ARE  
STABILIZING  
A LITTLE

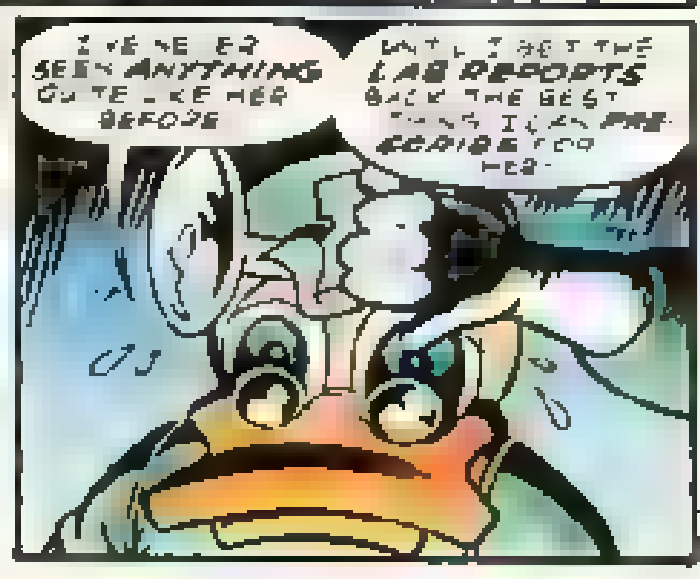
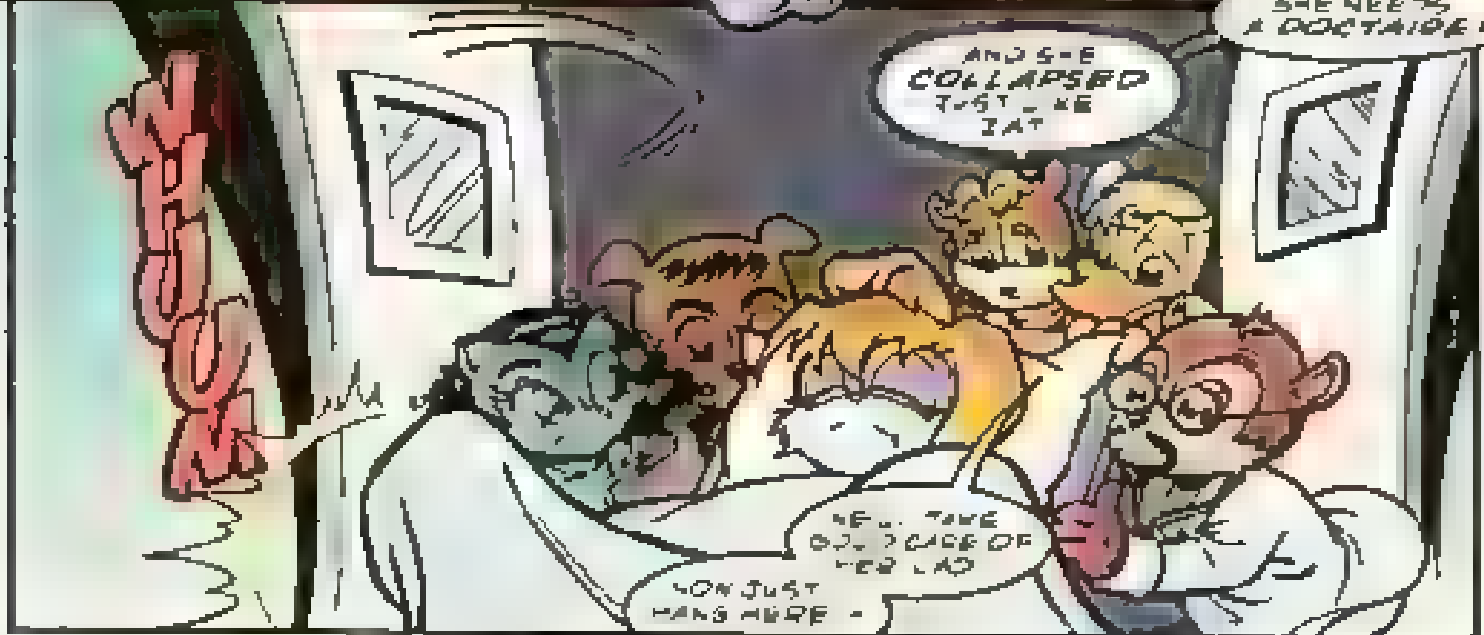
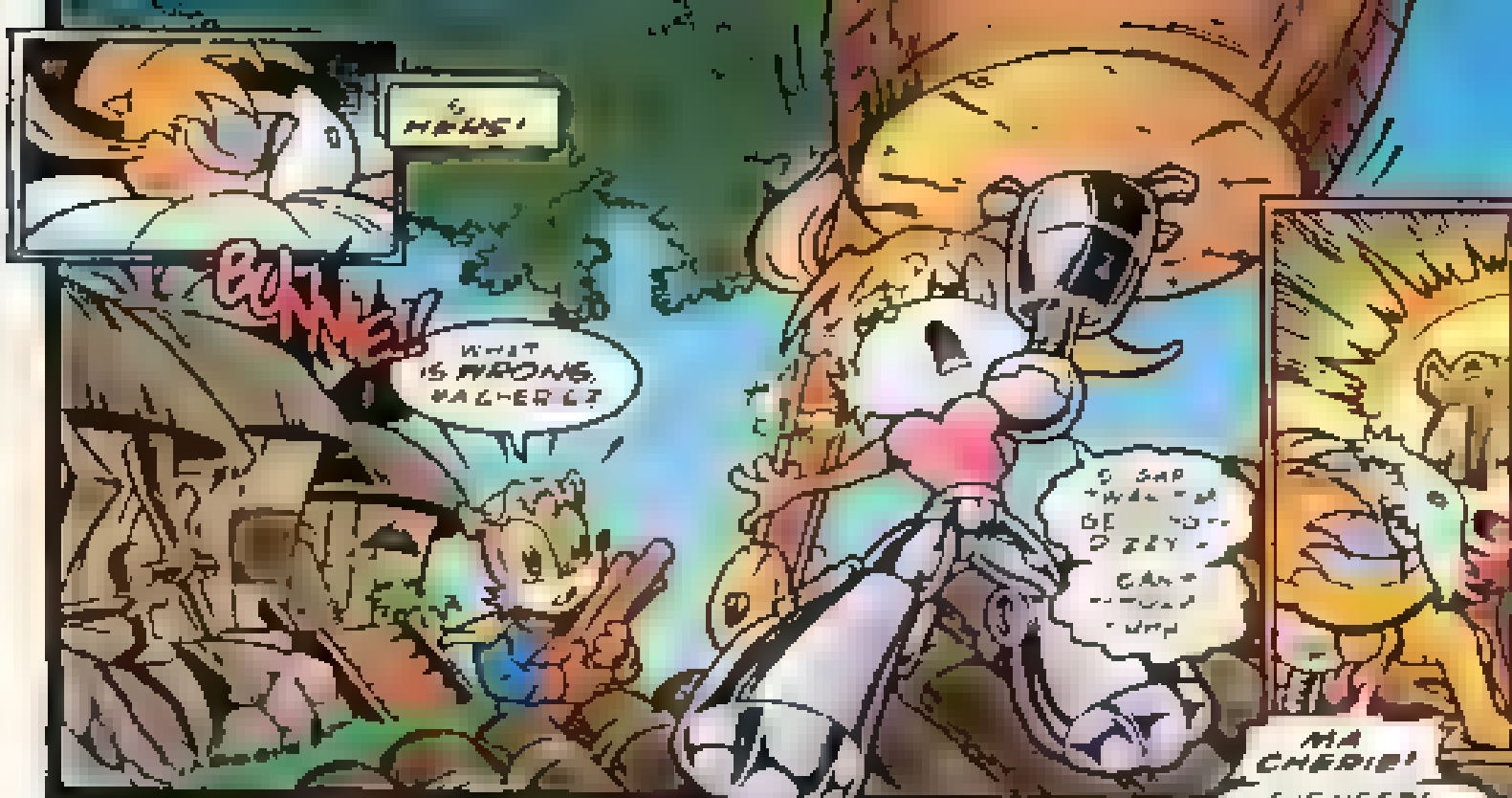
REGULATION HEAD  
BEAT 45 BPM AND IN ARE  
45 BPM. NORMAL FOR  
SOMEONE IN A STATE

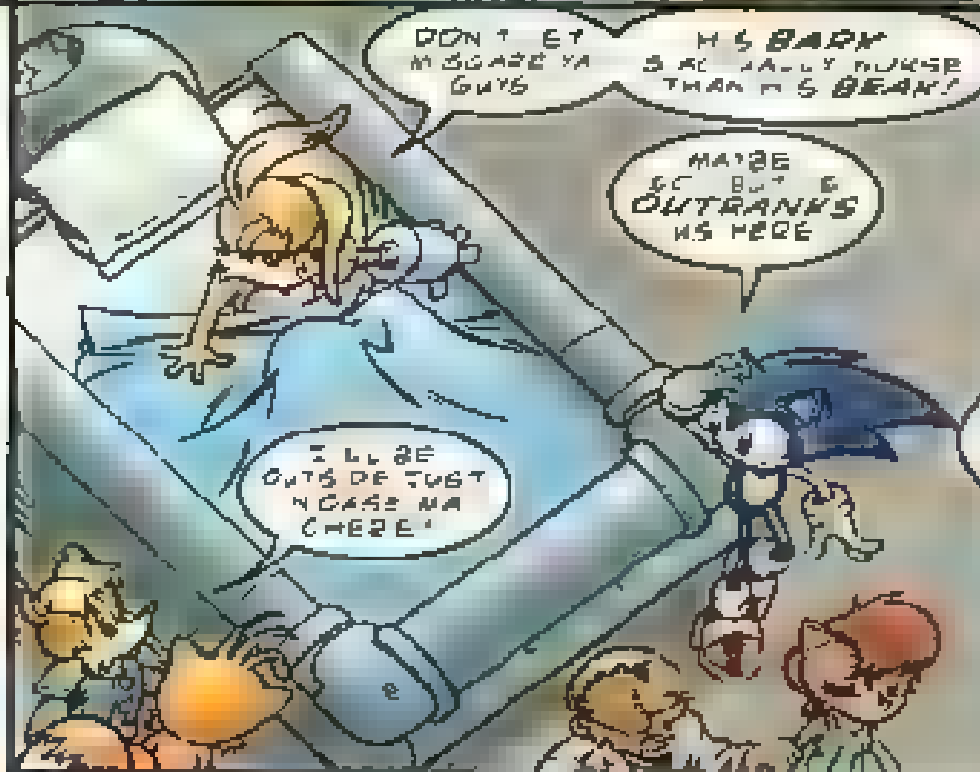
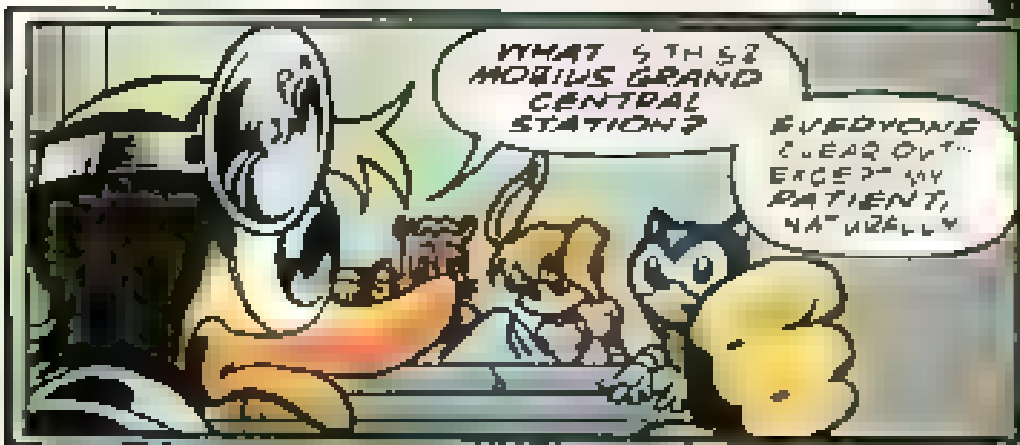
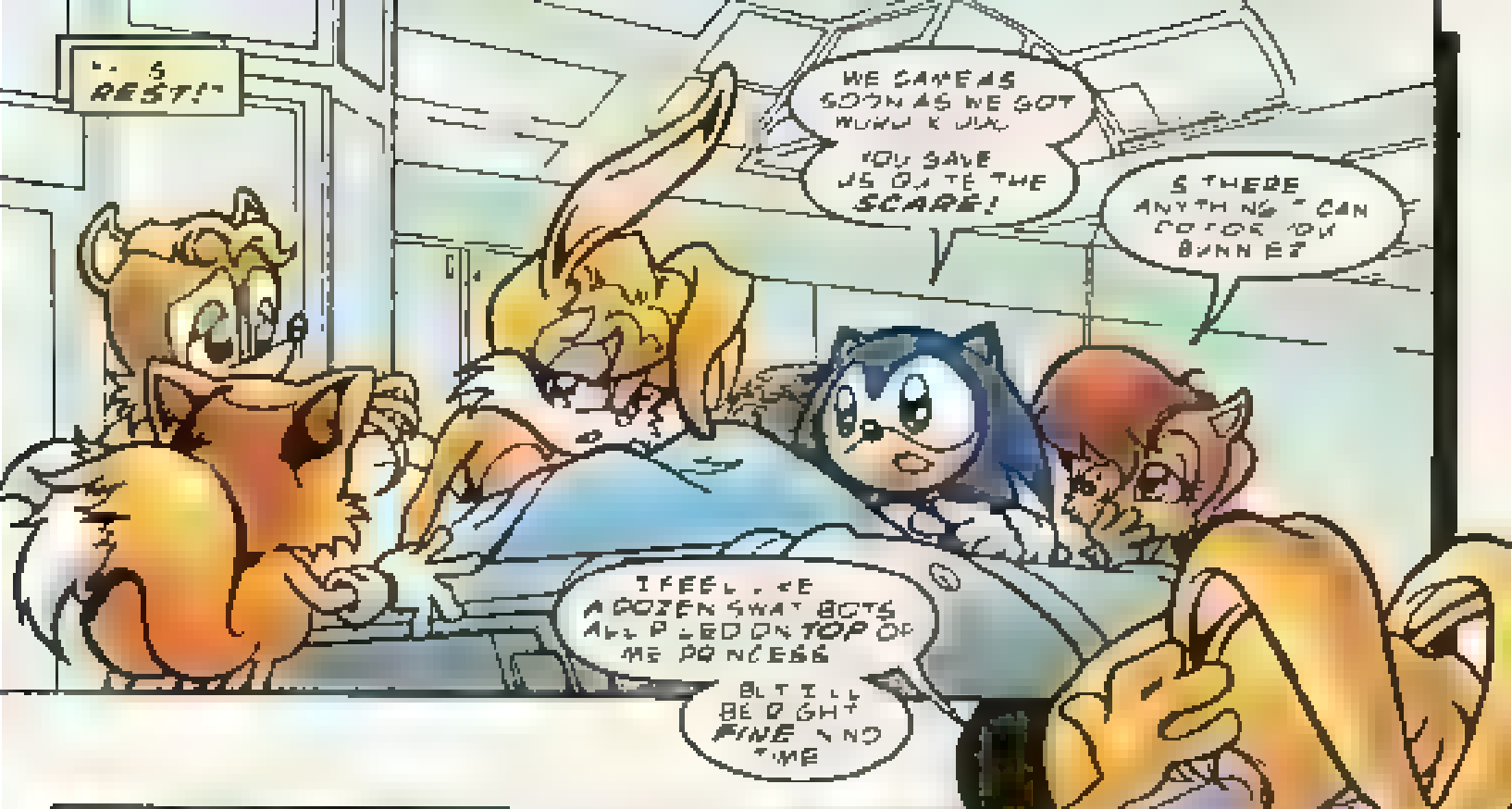
TECH 2 THE  
METABOLISM  
MAYNIBB!

HIS BIONICS  
A NERVOUS  
SYSTEM ARE  
COMPATIBILITY  
BAD

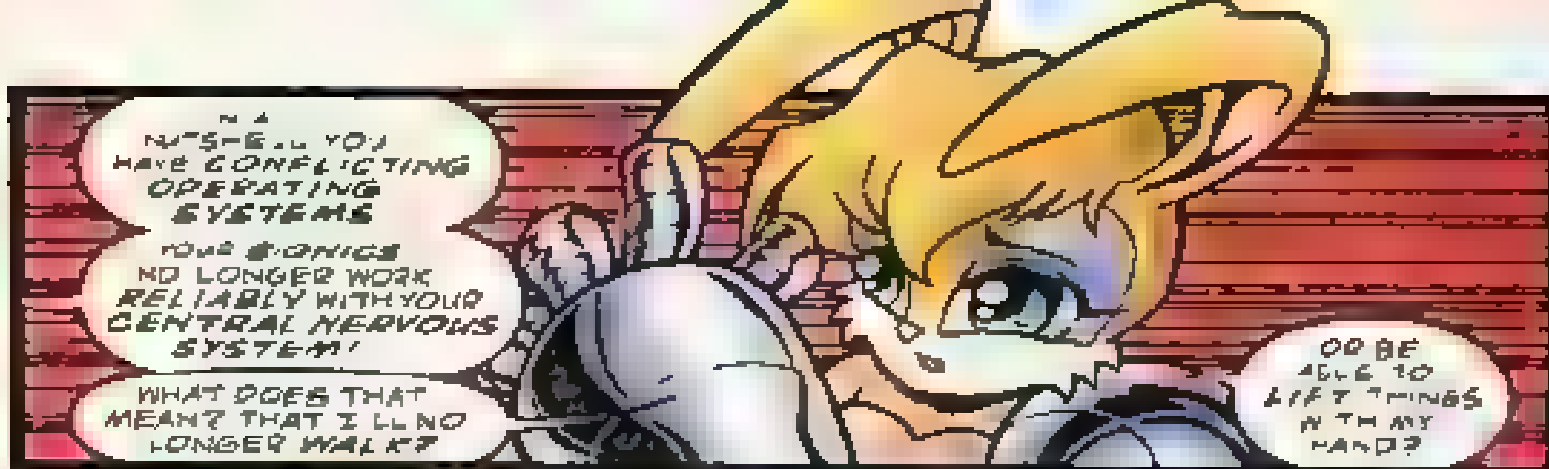
CLOSE 100  
VOLTAGE AND  
A LITTLE MORE  
CURRENT

THE NEXT  
STEP









IN A  
NUTSHELL YOU  
HAVE CONFLICTING  
OPERATING  
SYSTEMS

YOUR BONES  
NO LONGER WORK  
RELIABLY WITH YOUR  
CENTRAL NERVOUS  
SYSTEM!

WHAT DOES THAT  
MEAN? THAT I LL NO  
LONGER WALK?

OO BE  
ABLE TO  
LIFT THINGS  
WITH MY  
HANDS?



IN A WORD  
IT'S WORSE THAN  
THAT BUNNIE

AS YOUR BONES  
CONTINUE TO DETERIO-  
RATE EVENTU-  
ALLY THEY LL START  
GROWING AND BEC-  
TOXIC TO THE OR-  
G-  
ANIC PART OF YOUR  
BODY

FROM WHAT WE CAN TELL  
FROM THE TESTS IT SEEMS AS IF YOUR  
BODY WAS AT WAR WITH ITSELF  
BE BORN TO BE EITHER ALL-  
ORGANIC OR ALL-ROBOTIC!



DOES THAT  
MEAN I AM GOING  
TO--TO--

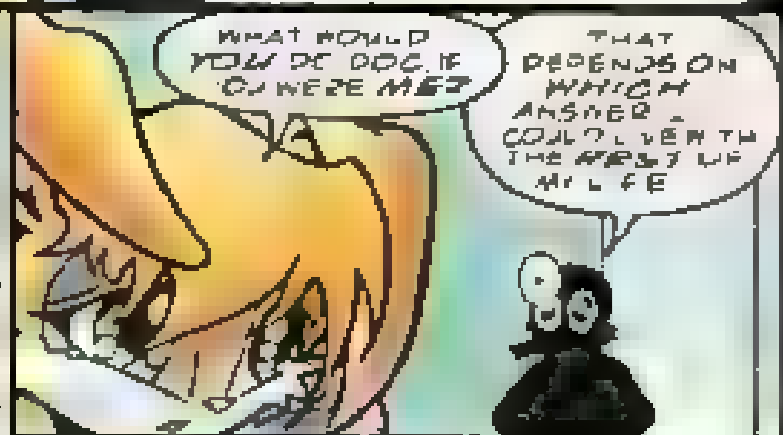
DEATH  
IF WE DO  
NOTHING  
THAT'S CERTAINLY  
A TRUE  
ABILITY!

SO WHAT ARE  
MY OPTIONS,  
DOC?

YOU ONLY HAVE  
THREE OTHER ALTER-  
NATIVES TO CHOOSE  
FROM

DISCONNECT YOUR  
ROBOTIC LIMBS FROM YOUR  
BODY A HARDWARE UP-  
GRADE WITH NO LOSS OF  
OF EVER BEING DE-  
ROBOTICIZED

OR CHANGING A  
DEROBOTIZATION  
PROCESS AT SMALL  
THE MODIFICATIONS  
WHERE THE ODDS  
OF YOUR SURVIVAL  
ARE A BILLION-  
TO ONE



WHAT WOULD  
YOU DO DOC IF  
YOU WERE ME?

THAT  
DEPENDS ON  
WHICH  
ANSWER  
COULD LENGTHEN  
THE REST OF  
MY LIFE



THAT'S A  
GOOD ONE  
DOC

I LL HAVE  
TO GET BACK  
TO YOU ON  
THAT





BOB

BUNNET?



SUGAR-  
TRAIN

I CAME TO SEE  
IF THERE WAS ANY-  
THING I COULD DO  
FOR YOU MY LOVE



DO YOU THINK YOU  
COULD STILL LOVE ME  
IF I REMAINED LIKE I  
AM FOR THE REST OF  
MY LIFE?



MY  
DEAREST  
SWEET  
BUNNET--

I  
WOULD  
LOVE YOU  
NO MATTER  
WHAT--

--AS LONG  
AS WE RACE  
EACH DAY  
TOGETHAIRE!

OH  
SUGAR  
TRAIN

YOU'RE THE  
BEST FRIEND I  
EVAN HAD



THERE

THAT  
STAY'D DO  
THE TRICK

NOW HOW  
ABOUT TRYING  
I ONCE

WELL IT  
SHOAH DOES  
FEEL FINE AND  
LOOKS LIKE  
BETTAN!

ARE YOU  
CERTAIN I WON'T  
HAVE THE SAME  
PROBLEM AGAIN  
WITH THIS MEAN  
SET UP?

ABSOLUTELY

IF YOU'VE  
NE A FEW MINUTES,  
I CAN GO OVER ALL  
THE TECHNICAL  
DETAILS WITH  
YOU

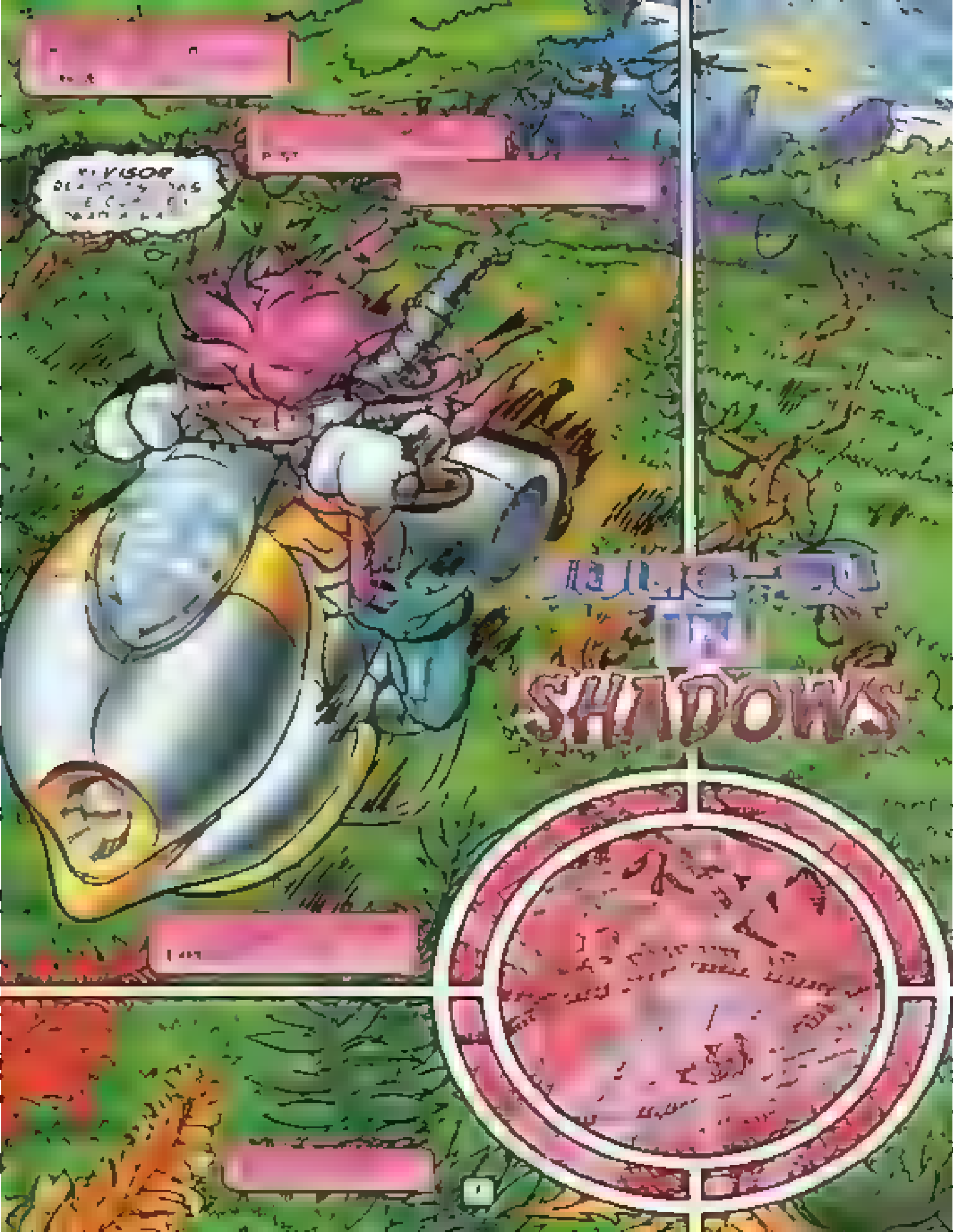
AS LONG  
AS IT WORKS,  
I CAN LIVE  
WITH THAT!

WATCH OUT  
WOP D--

--HERE I  
COME BETTAN  
THANE'AH!

YOU GO  
G PL!

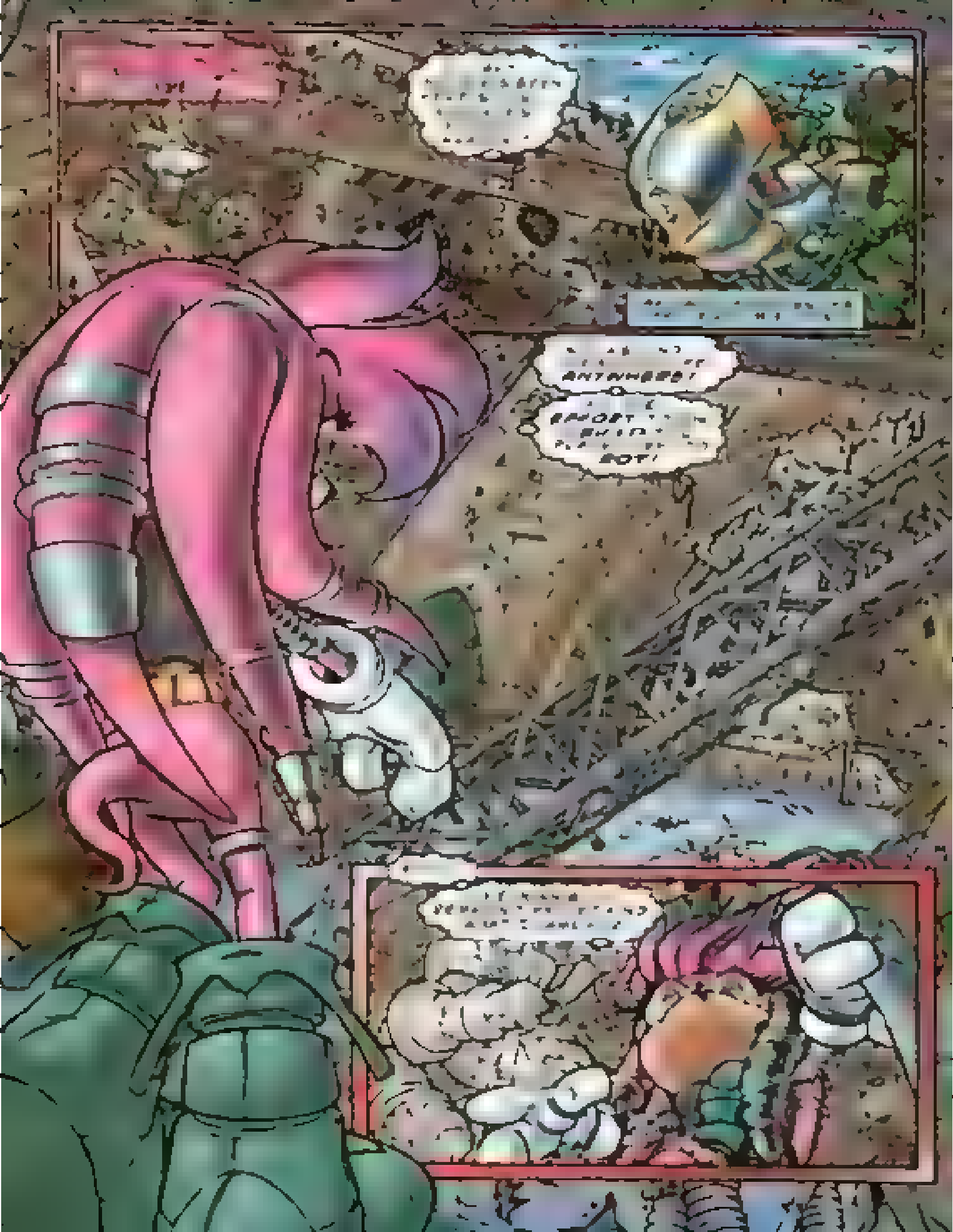
TIME



VISOR  
DETECTING  
ELECTRICITY

# SHADOWS



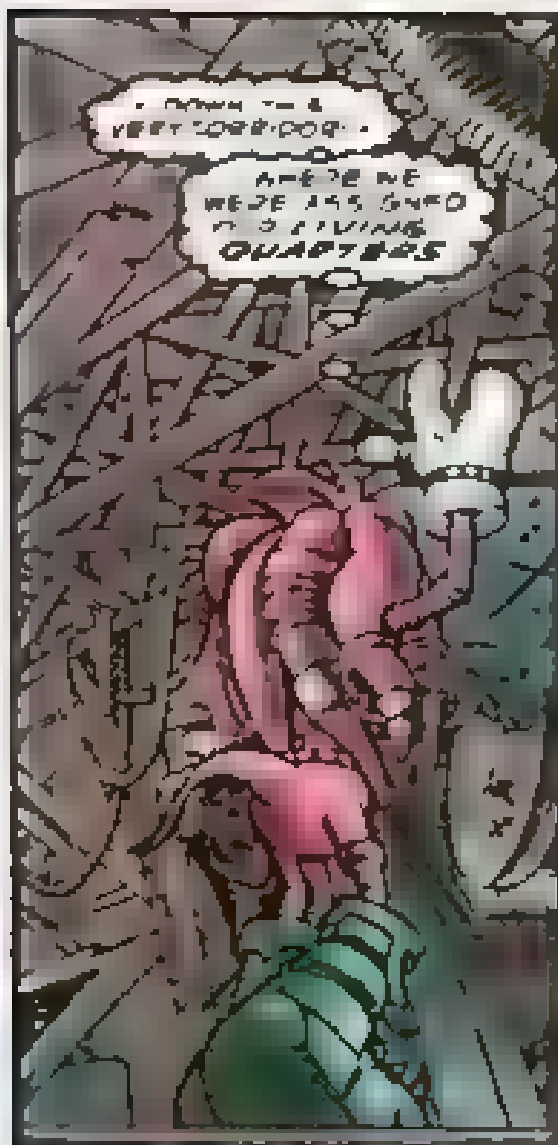


ANTHROPO!

SHORT  
BUILT  
TALL  
TALL

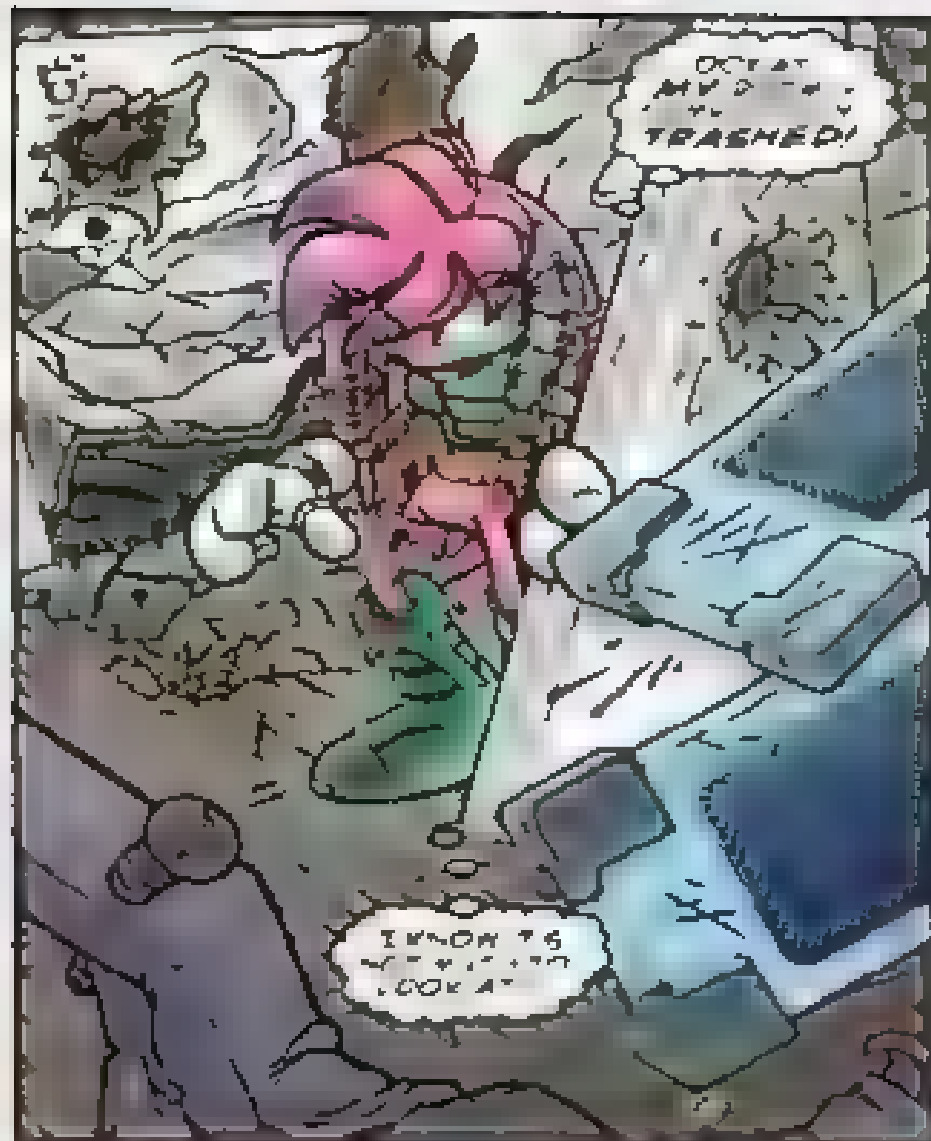
ANTHROPO!





IT FEELS LIKE A  
VERY LOBBY

ARE WE  
WE'RE ASSIGNED  
TO LIVING  
QUARTERS



OCTAT  
MYO...  
TRASHED!

IM NOT 76  
MYO...  
LOOK AT



BITTERLY  
WATERS  
AFTER THE  
CRESTS THOUGHTS

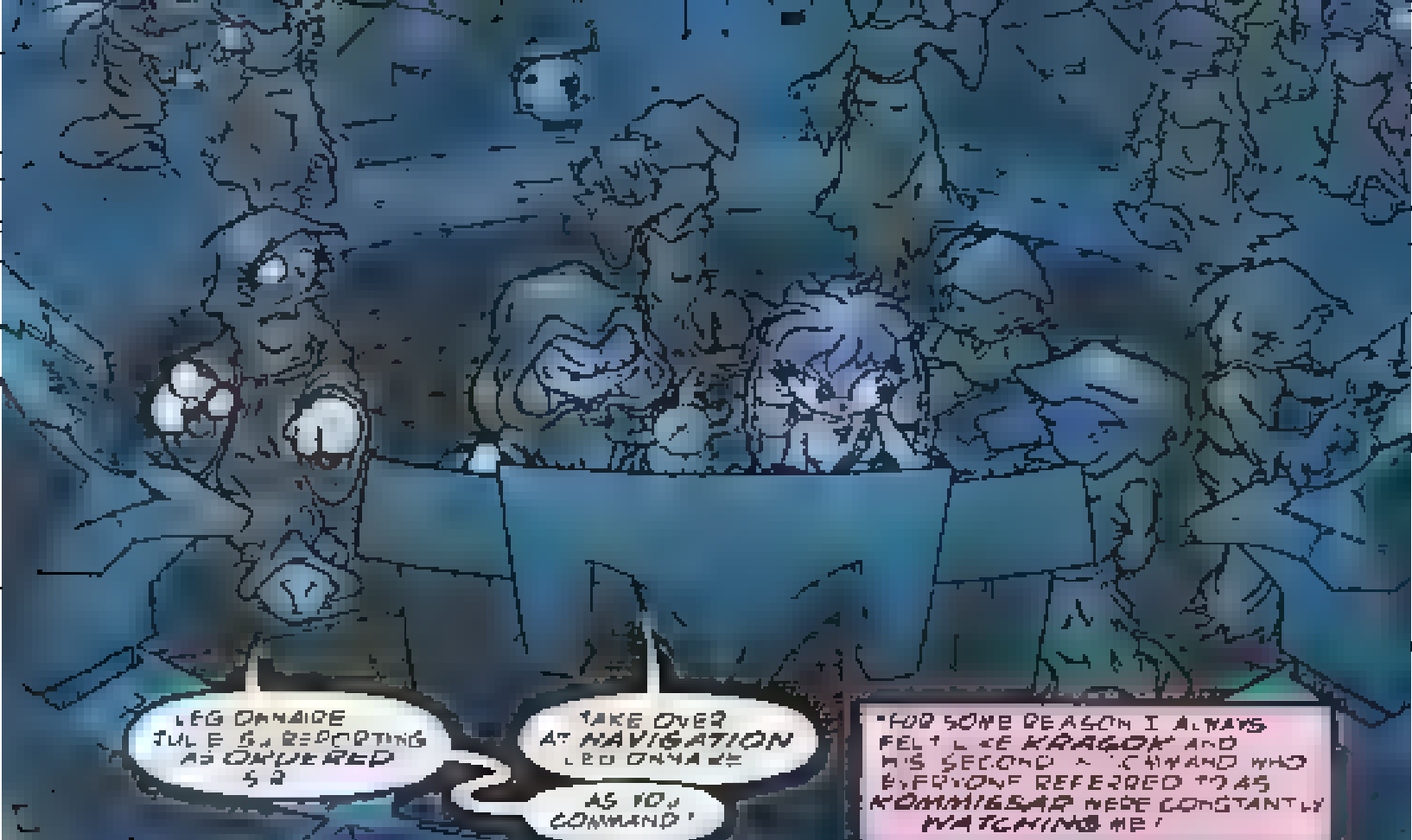


THE PART OF  
WATER...  
SONIC  
SHOWER



WATERS... I  
WATERS...  
AT MY DAY...

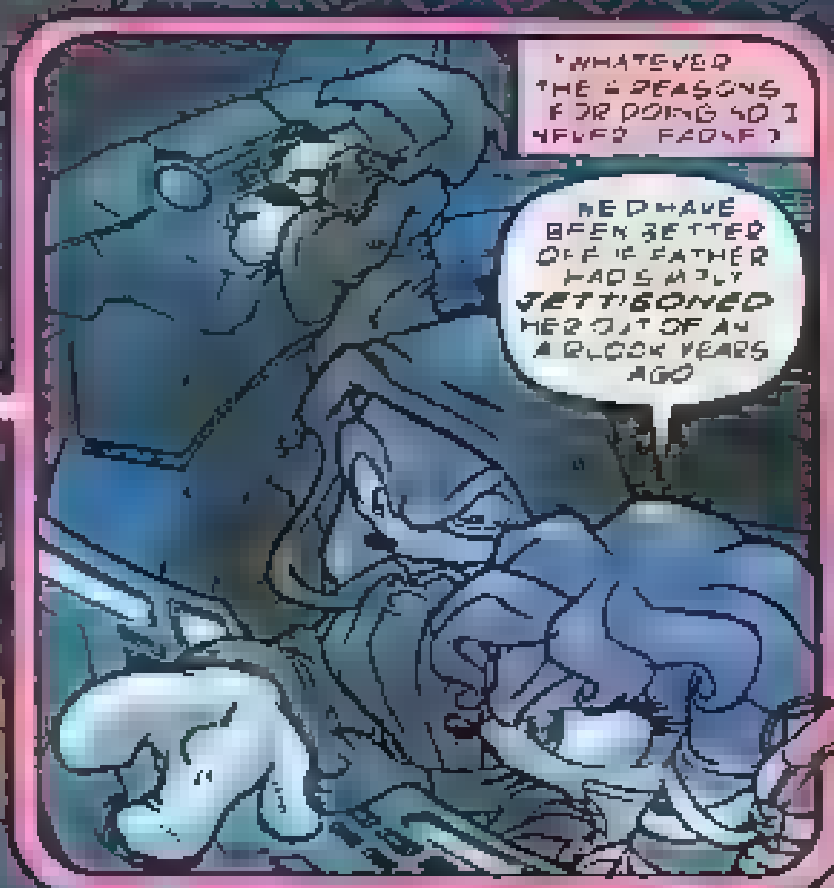
LEGION OF  
THE...  
REPCON...  
MAIN  
COMMAND  
CENTER!



LEG DANAIDE  
TUL E 6, REPORTING  
AS ORDERED  
52

TAKE OVER  
AT NAVIGATION  
LEG DANAIDE  
AS YOU  
COMMAND!

"FOR SOME REASON I ALWAYS  
FELT LIKE KRAGON AND  
HIS SECOND IN COMMAND WHO  
EVERYONE REFERRED TO AS  
KOMMISSAR WERE CONSTANTLY  
WATCHING ME!



"WHATEVER  
THE 2 REASONS  
FOR DOING SO I  
NEVER FORGOT!

WE'D HAVE  
BEEN BETTER  
OFF IF FATHER  
HAD AT LEAST  
JETTISONED  
HER OUT OF AN  
A BLOCK YEARS  
AGO

**FHHUUUUUUUU**

HOLD T  
THAT SOUNDED  
- KE AGOOR  
IS WHO  
OPEN!

COULD SOME-  
ONE ELSE BE  
TURNING AROUND  
AS WELL?

IT  
SOUNDED  
LIKE I CAME  
FROM UP  
THERE - PAST  
THE  
ARMORY!

I RAN ON AFTER WITH  
MY TASER IN THERE  
JUST BEFORE KNICKLES  
HIT THE SCENE -

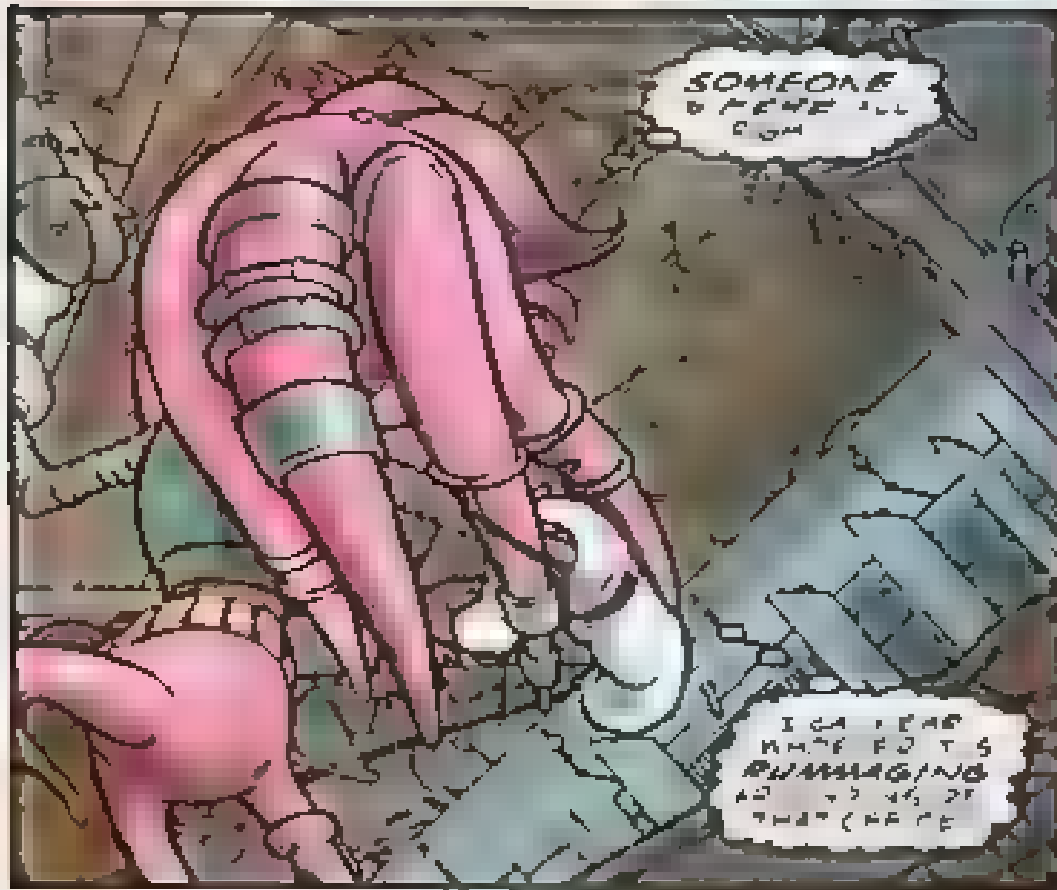
CONSIDERING  
I SHOULD BE THE  
ONLY ONE HERE  
A PRECAUTION  
OR TWO SHOULDN'T  
HURT

WELL  
I'LL BE

FOOTSTEPS  
COMING FROM  
DOWN THE  
LOBBY DOOR.

NOT TO  
MENTION A  
LIGHT--

--COMING  
FROM IN  
THERE!



SOMEONE'S HERE! ALL RIGHT!

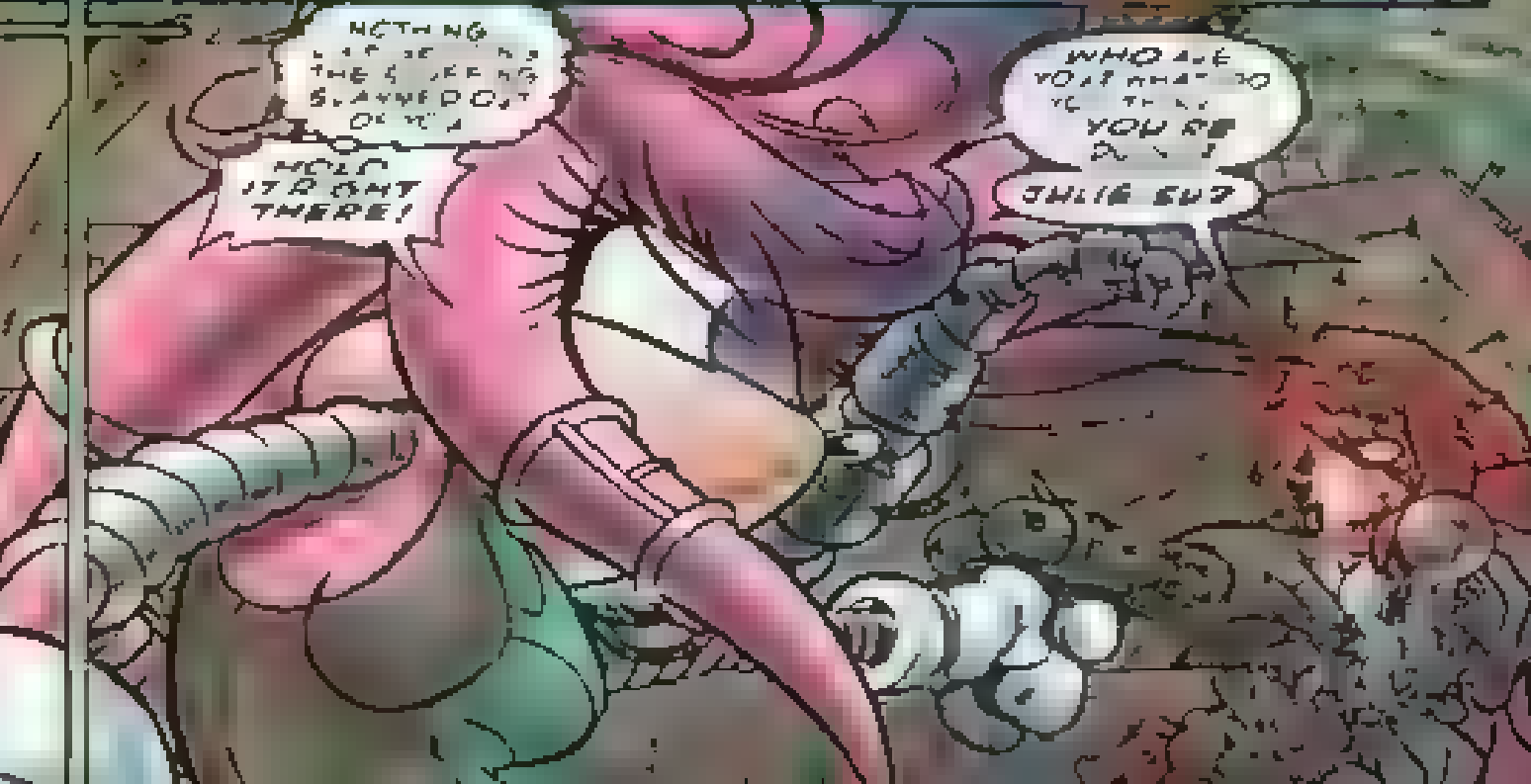
I CAN HEAR  
WHY IT'S  
RUNNING  
AND IT'S  
NOT HERE



I ACTIVATED  
THE SECURITY  
SHIELD!



WOOF!



WHO ARE  
YOU? WHAT DO  
YOU WANT?  
YOU'RE  
DEAD!

THAT'S ALL?

NOTHING  
LEFT OF  
THE SHIELD  
SLAYED  
ON IT!

HOLD  
IT RIGHT  
THERE!



YOU DON'T  
REMEMBER  
ME DO YOU  
CHILD MY NAME  
IS SIMON!

AHH I'M NOT  
SURPRISED AS I  
DIDN'T HAVE AS  
MUCH CONTACT  
W/ YOU AS MY  
DAD, MR  
FLORENCE!

MRAGON  
SAID TO THAT!

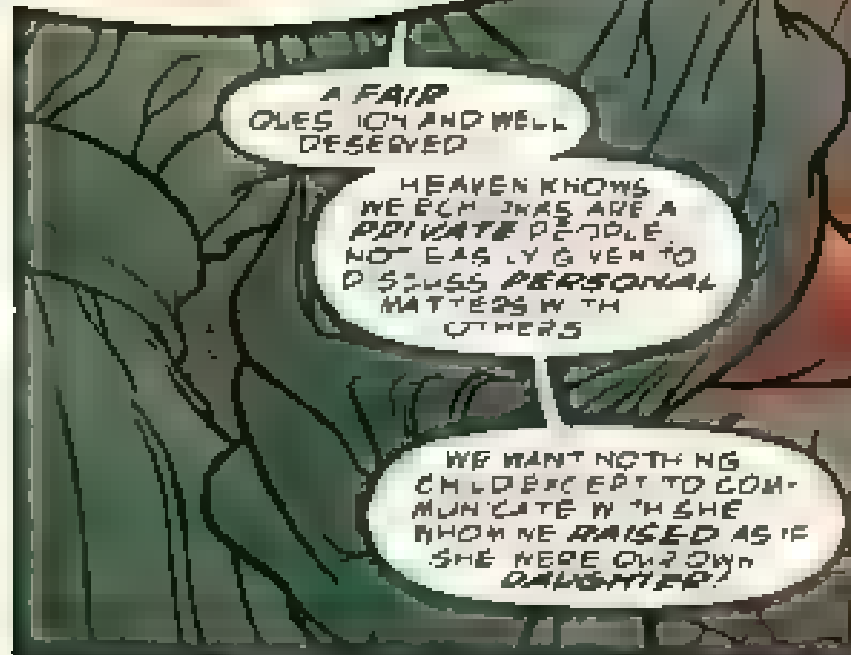
YOU  
KNOW  
ME?



EVER SINCE  
YOU WERE BUT  
AN INFANT

ONCE WE  
LEARNED YOU  
HAD DETACHED  
FLORENCE SAID  
I WANTED TO  
MAKE  
CONTACT

HE WAGES  
YOU SO VERY  
MUCH MY  
DEAR



A FAIR  
ONES ICH AND WELL  
DESERVED

HEAVEN KNOWS  
WE ECH JNAS ARE A  
PRIVATE PEOPLE  
NOT EASILY GIVEN TO  
DISCUSS PERSONAL  
MATTERS W/TH  
OTHERS

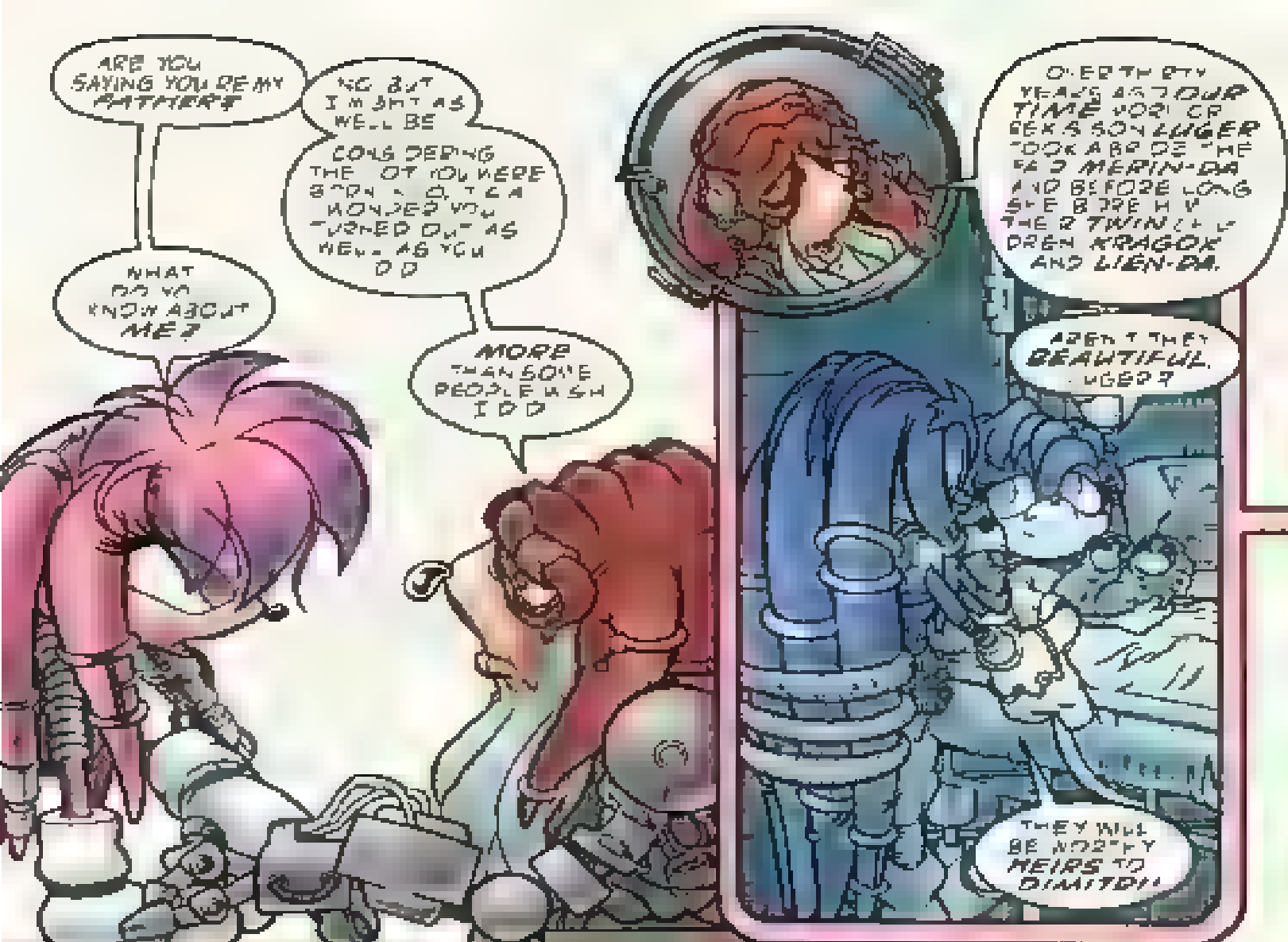
WE WANT NOTHING  
CHILD EXCEPT TO COM-  
MUNICATE W/TH SHE  
WHOM WE RAISED AS IF  
SHE WERE OUR OWN  
DAUGHTER!



HOW DO I  
KNOW YOU'RE  
TELLING THE  
TRUTH?

DAUGHTER?





ARE YOU SAYING YOU'RE MY FATHER?

NO BUT I'M SURE AS WE'LL BE

CONSIDERING THE OT YOU WERE BORN IN, I CAN WONDER YOU TURNED OUT AS MEN - AS YOU DO

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME?

MORE THAN SOME PEOPLE WISH I DO

OVER THE 25 YEARS AS YOUR TIME FOR OF BEK'S SON LUGER TOOK ABOUT THE FAD MERIN-DA AND BEFORE LONG SHE BORE HIM THE 2 TWIN LUGER KRAKOK AND LIEN-DA.

AREN'T THEY BEAUTIFUL, LUGER?

THEY WILL BE WORTHY HEIRS TO DIMITRI

WHEN THE CH. DREN WERE ROUGHLY 6-8 YEARS OLD, THE PORTA BETWEEN THE TONE STERDENWOLF BEYOND OURS AND TO AND THE FLOATING ISLAND OPENED UP

WE ARE FREE ONCE MORE, MY CHILDREN

FREE TO RECLAIM WHAT SHOULD BE OURS!

UNFORTUNATELY THE ENVIRONMENT WOULD PROVE MOST INHOSPITABLE TO MERIN-DA

I NEED TO REST, LUGER?

I FEEL AS THOUGH I'M BURNING UP

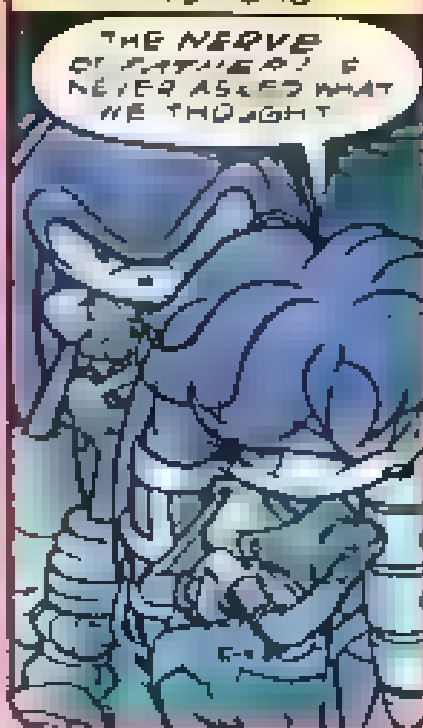
FOR THE 25 YEARS THE DARK LEGION RETURNED WILLINGLY TO THE LONE BUT TO NO AAL

\*MERIN-DA STILL SUBCUMBED TO WHATEVER AILED HER AND PASSED INTO THE REALM BEYOND.

"SEVERAL YEARS NOW I  
PASS BEFORE LUGER 22  
I'D BEEN FROM A LOSS  
AT THE TIME I'D BE A SU  
FIND. HE SAID MARI-  
SH HAD NO ID TO PROVE  
VERY MUCH TO BE BURY  
BUT AS CAPABLE AS HE

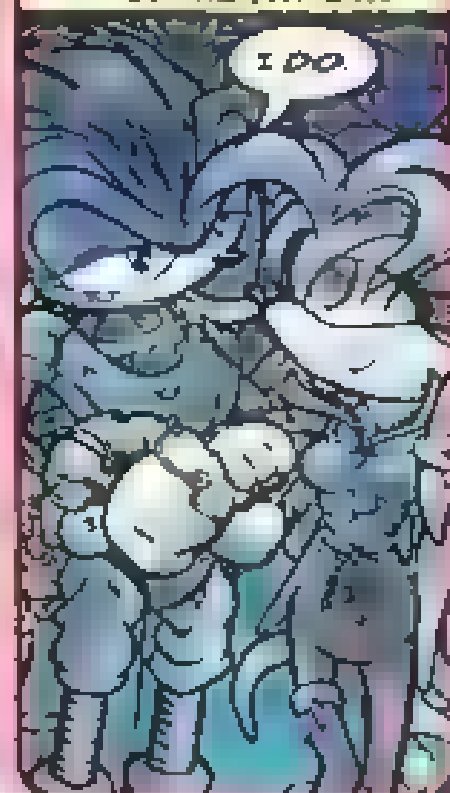


HE ELUGED MAY HAVE  
VIEWED HER AS A POTEN-  
TIAL MATE AND PART-  
NER OTHERS WERE  
SPECIFICALLY RAZOR  
AND LEIN-DA ABOUT  
SEVEN YEARS OLD  
AT THE POINT SAN  
MARI WAS A  
THREAT TO THE 2  
CHANG TONS



"THE NERVE  
OF FATHER? I  
NEVER ASKED WHAT  
HE THOUGHT

"HE WAS DIS-  
PLEASED WITH HIS  
CAPABILITY OF REACTION  
TOWARD THE EMBLEMED  
ANY OUTWARDS GNS  
ESPECIALLY ON THE  
DAY HE TOOK MARI-SU  
TO BE HIS WIFE...



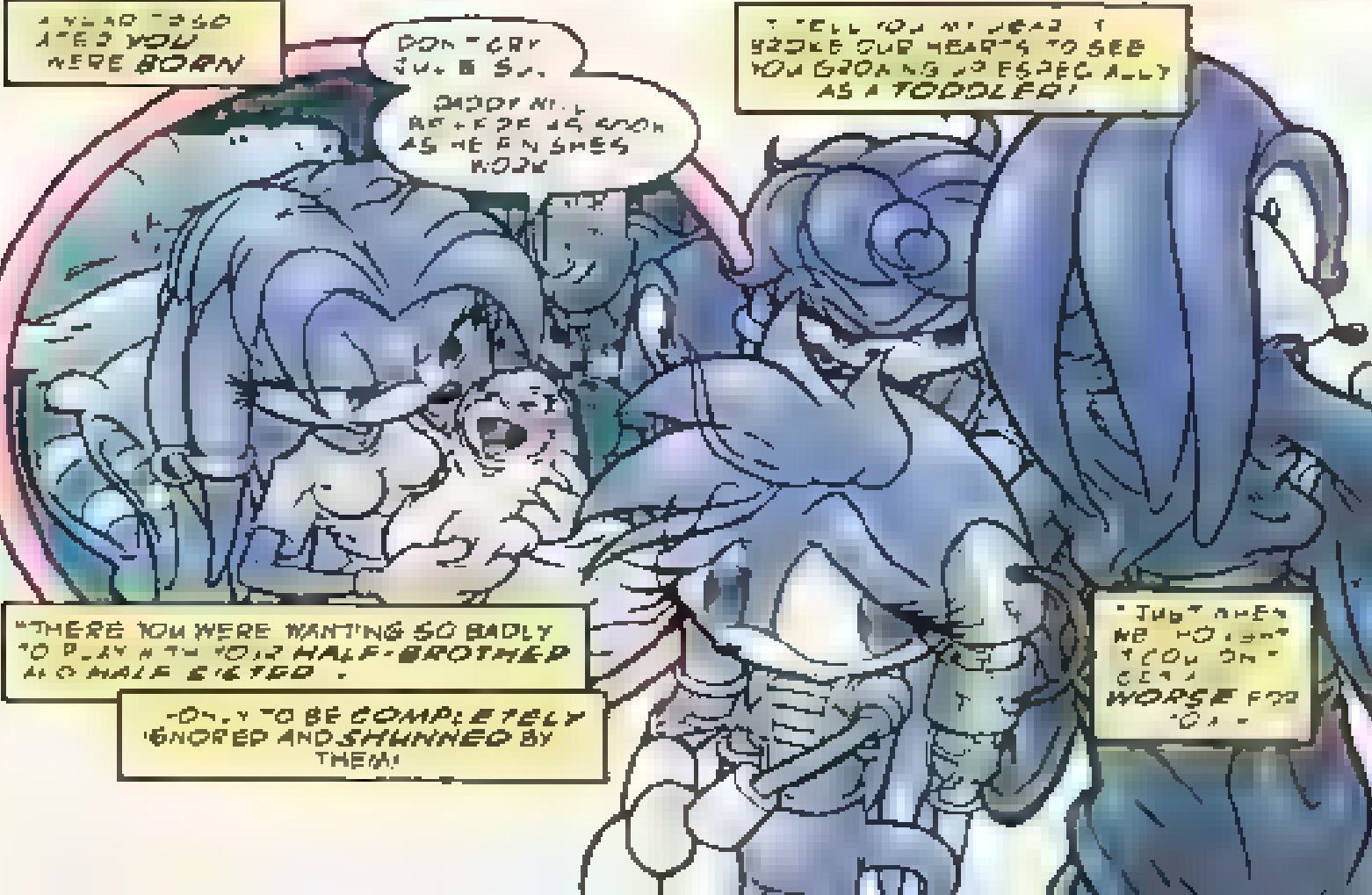
I DO.

A YEAR LATER  
ATED YOU  
WERE BORN

DON'T CRY  
JULIE SU.

DADDY WILL  
RE+KDE AS MUCH  
AS HE FINISHES  
WORK

"TELL YOU MY DEAR I  
BROKE OUR HEARTS TO SEE  
YOU GROWING UP ESPECIALLY  
AS A TODDLER!



"THERE YOU WERE WANTING SO BADLY  
TO PLAY WITH YOUR HALF-BROTHER  
AND HALF SISTER.

"ONLY TO BE COMPLETELY  
IGNORED AND SHUNNED BY  
THEM!

"JUST WHEN  
WE WERE  
TOO ON  
CEA  
WORSE FOR  
GAS

"...THAT'S WHEN MAR-SU MET WITH A TRAGIC ACCIDENT WHICH CLAIMED HER LIFE!

GOOD RIDDANCE!



"LUGER DIDN'T KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT RAISING A CHILD, SO HE ENTRUSTED YOU INTO THE CARE OF MY WIFE FLOREN-CA...

I'M SORRY, JULIE-SU, BUT I JUST DON'T HAVE THE TIME!

FLOREN-CA WILL TAKE WONDERFUL CARE OF YOU!



"NOT LONG AFTER, LUGER DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE, NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN.

"TO THIS DAY, NO ONE KNOWS WHAT REALLY HAPPENED, THOUGH I HAVE MY SUSPICIONS...

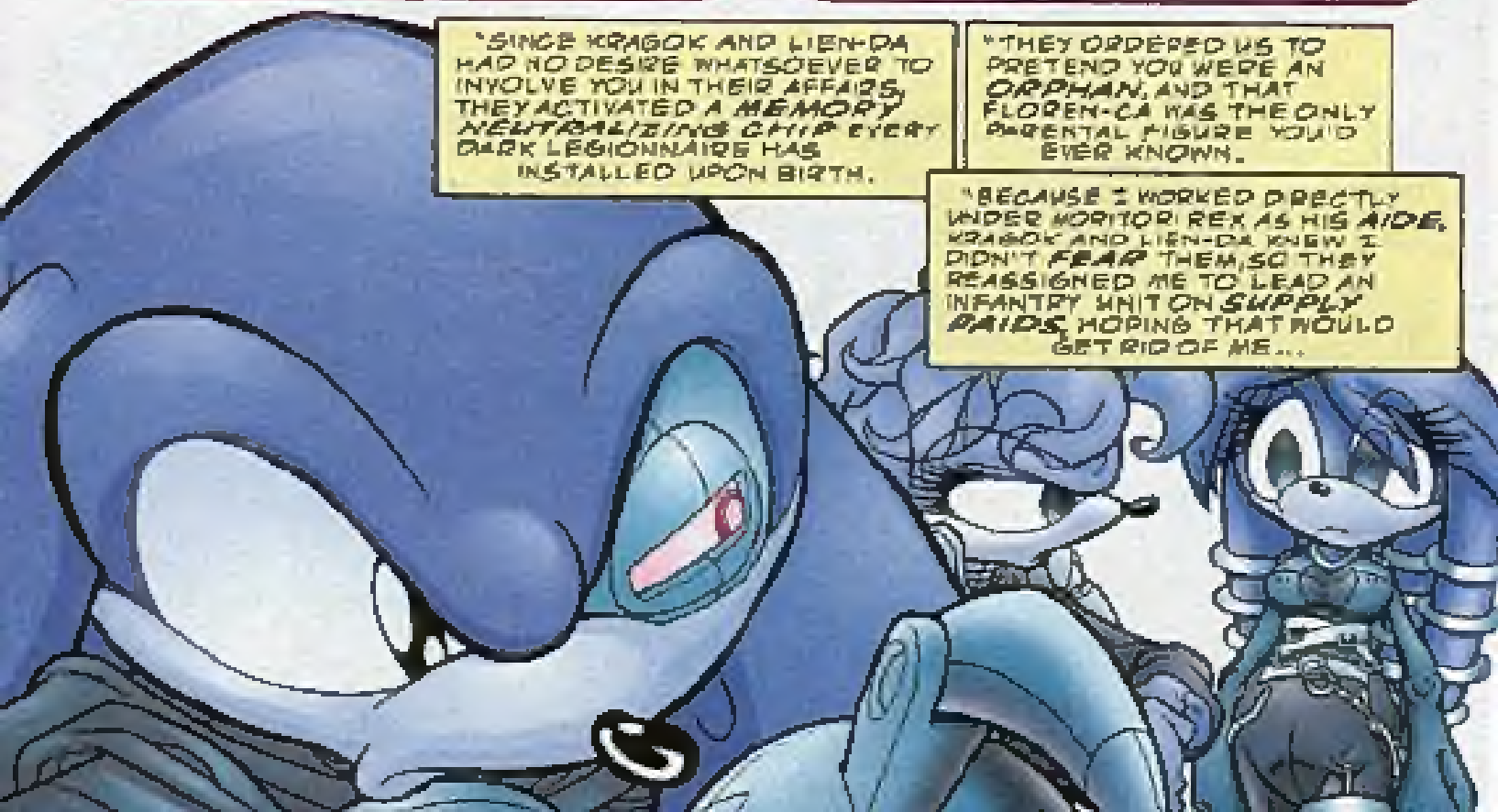
"IN ANY EVENT, THERE WASN'T ANY DISCONTENT AMONG THE RANK-AND-FILE WHEN KRAGOK SEIZED POWER SHORTLY THEREAFTER...



"SINCE KRAGOK AND LIEN-DA HAD NO DESIRE WHATSOEVER TO INVOLVE YOU IN THEIR AFFAIRS, THEY ACTIVATED A MEMORY NEUTRALIZING CHIP EVERY DARK LEGIONNAIRE HAS INSTALLED UPON BIRTH.

"THEY ORDERED US TO PRETEND YOU WERE AN ORPHAN, AND THAT FLOREN-CA WAS THE ONLY PARENTAL FIGURE YOU'D EVER KNOWN.

"BECAUSE I WORKED DIRECTLY UNDER MORITOR REX AS HIS AIDE, KRAGOK AND LIEN-DA KNEW I DIDN'T FEAR THEM, SO THEY REASSIGNED ME TO LEAD AN INFANTRY UNIT ON SUPPLY RAIDS, HOPING THAT WOULD GET RID OF ME...





EVEN THAT WASN'T ENOUGH! EVENTUALLY, THEY TOOK YOU AWAY FROM FLOREN-GA!

SHE TOOK CARE OF YOU FOR ALMOST EIGHT YEARS! AND YOU BECAME THE DAUGHTER HE NEVER HAD!

SO WHY DON'T I REMEMBER ANY OF THIS? ESPECIALLY FLOREN-GA?



WE FIGURED KRAGOK AND LIEN-GA MUST HAVE PERFORMED A MIND-WIPE ON YOU!

WHEN WE DISCOVERED YOU HERE ALIVE AND WELL, I CAME HERE TO GATHER EVIDENCE FOR YOUR BENEFIT!

IF YOU REALLY WERE WITH THE LEGION YOU'D HAVE KNOWN I WAS ALWAYS AROUND!



SHORTLY AFTER THEY'D TAKEN YOU, THE PORTAL OPENED AGAIN.

THAT'S WHEN I MADE THE DECISION TO TAKE FLOREN-GA AND SETTLE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!

SO WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?



LET'S GO HOME, CHILD!

I KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD DEARLY LOVE TO SEE YOU!



WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

LET'S GO!

A BEGINNING



# SONIC GRAMS

## SPECIAL



OFF PANEL By Gallagher, Manak & Harvo



Promotional Illustration  
Not representative of the cover.

The upcoming "SONIC ADVENTURE" storyline on sale late November continuing well into the year 2000. It is so huge that it's taking multiple issues of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG and one 48-page SONIC SUPER SPECIAL (#14) to tell the story. All that, my friends, is for the official game adaptation to "SONIC ADVENTURE!" As you know from all the commercials by now, this game can only be played on one new system: SEGA's DREAMCAST -- "the ultimate gaming machine" -- debuting on 9/9/99! This high-speed thrill ride sets Sonic loose in a fantastic new 3-D adventure at speeds of up to 60 frames per second! With breathtaking graphics, six playable characters, full 360 degree movement in expansive 3-D worlds (and even "mini-games" to discover), "SONIC ADVENTURE" shows gamers the future of videogames today, using the power of SEGA Dreamcast.

Next issue: We promised to print the Comic Shop News storyline... and here it is in a special sideways story (you'll see). Buy SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #13 on sale January 2000!

Catch you on the flip side!

Note: Due to the overwhelming amount of e-mail and snail mail, it is impossible for us to reply personally to each and every message. However, your opinions are important to us and each message will be read. Also, due to space limitations, some correspondence may be edited. Thanks for understanding!

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First order of business... as promised in SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #9 (SONIC KIDS 2), the following are the names of the first ten people to reply correctly to the first trivia question: "When was the first time we saw Sonic by the wall?" The answer: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG Limited Series #0. They are:

Mary Ann Rosales  
Jennifer Lantrip  
Donald "Cinco" Eckels  
Brian Jackowski  
Kurt Jagelow  
Valerie & Victoria Venture  
Laura "Knuckles" Carden (age 12)  
Samuel Turner (age 14)  
Garrett Shumilnick  
Caven S. Higley (age 15)

Thanks, True Blue Sonic Crew!

And now a special mention to the first five who answered our second trivia question: "When will Sally kick Knuckles like that again?" The answer: "NECHA MADNESS #1" They are:

Bremer E. Doud (age 13)  
Jeremy Peaner  
Jon-Erik Johnson  
Sergio Ortiz  
Chris Monopero  
Thanks to everyone who wrote in and now your letters:

Dear Sonic-Grampa,

I just finished reading my copy of SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #9. Great job! This one is even better than SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #6! The first story, "Zoneward Bound," was quite good. Sam Maxwell and Harvo make a great team! The artwork, awesome! The second story, "My Secret Guardian," was such a lovely story. Galen's work is always a pleasure to behold. The third and last story, "Eye of Destruction," made me sad at the end but it was great. Art Mawhinney is a very good artist. I'd love it if other Sonic fans, boys and girls, would write to me so please print my full address.

T.S.T. "Dema" (age 15)  
Laugavegur 76  
101 Reykjavik  
ICELAND - ISLAND

Thanks, Dema, for your letter. It's great to know our international fans are enjoying America's comic book version of Sonic much like our stateside fans.

Dear Sonic-Grampa,

I just got SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #9 and it was cool! I just loved Manny Galen and Jim Amash's art. In fact, everyone who worked on it did an excellent job. Two questions: 1) Does Tails know

his father was roboticized? 2) Is Sonic going to meet Dimitri? Or a final note: I think Sonic and his friends kick butt! No way is he out of his prime!

Laurie Lemaine (age 16)  
Halleybury, Ontario  
CANADA

1) Tails knows only the generalities not the details about what happened to his parents. 2) Check out SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #12 for that one.

Dear Sonic Column,

Is there a new Sonic The Hedgehog cartoon coming out? Oh, and about SPAZI... he is the way-past coolest artist.

Cal  
Catin 117@aol.com

The new cartoon is "Sonic Underground." Those characters showed up last issue.

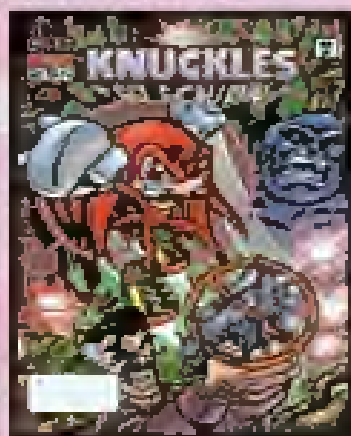
Well, that's all for now. Thanks to everyone who wrote in so until next issue...

**Keep it real!**

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

In one week: In the continuation of the story called "King of the Hill," Knuckles and his childhood bully, Monk, duke it out when a mysterious overlander named Hunter decides to target them both for his collection. Action and intrigue as brought to you by Ken Penders and Harvo. Also, Part Two of the 'Espio The Chameleon' solo story by Ken Penders, with art by Colleen Doran and Andrew Pepoy.



KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #31 on sale mid-Oct. 1999

In two weeks: A new logo, a new trade dress, a new story direction! A special ceremony is conducted for our blue hero and the entire village of Knothole are out in their Sunday best for it! Look out for "A New Beginning" in the next exciting installment of Sonic The Hedgehog! This special story is brought to you by the talents of Karl Bollers, FRY and Andrew Pepoy. Also in this issue: The conclusion of "Tales of the Great War!"



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #79 on sale late Oct. 1999